

Egypt to press for Geneva talks in second half of this year

By ANAN SAFADI
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EGYPT indicated yesterday that it could press for reconvening the Geneva conference on the Middle East during the second half of this year to discuss an overall settlement to the Israel-Arab conflict — including the Palestinian aspect.

Reports from Cairo said that Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy has begun a new round of consultations with the Big Powers to explore the prospects of reconvening the Geneva talks at an early date.

The Cairo reports said that Egypt insisted that the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) take part in the Geneva conference, though not necessarily in the first sessions. They added that the question of PLO participation would be placed high on the agenda of the conference.

The reports hinted that the Geneva conference would be one of the main topics which President Anwar Sadat would discuss at his reconciliation summit with Syrian President Hafiz Assad in the Saudi Arabian capital of Riyadh next month. The Egyptian leader reportedly feels that the Geneva conference is the only feasible forum now that no progress has been made on an interim settlement for the Golan similar to that concluded over Sinai.

Syria has so far opposed participating in a full-fledged Geneva conference. However, it Damascus backs down on its threat not to extend the UN mandate on the Golan at the end of this month, it would probably turn to Geneva. Such a development would lead Jordan to do so. At the moment, Syria and Jordan, which are linked in a projected union, are

demanding that Israel first acknowledge the Arab claim to all territories lost in the 1967 war, as well as to the "national" rights of the Palestinians.

Cairo radio said yesterday that Israel's withdrawal to the pre-1967 war frontiers and acknowledgement of Palestinian rights were two preconditions to any progress, including an end to the state of war. The radio did not make clear whether it was reacting to Prime Minister Rabin's earlier statement that Egypt and Syria might agree to negotiate an end to the state of war this year, now that Damascus appears to be becoming more moderate. The radio went out of its way to caution Israel against wishful thinking, and also hinted that Rabin's statement might be aimed at sowing suspicion and discontent between the Arabs.

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Ford pledges Israel support

By WOLF BLITZER
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WASHINGTON — President Ford pledged last night that the U.S. "will remain the ultimate guarantor of Israel's freedom."

In a text prepared for delivery at the American Jewish Committee's annual meeting here, Ford declared: "There may at times be differences between America and Israel over the means to achieve mutual goals. But there have not and will not be any erosion of the fundamental American-Israeli friendship."

Asserting that his administration's "commitment to the security and future of Israel is based upon basic morality as well as enlightened self-interest," the President said: "We will not falter, we will not withdraw."

Ford said however that the Middle East peace process "must continue without one-sided concessions — but with steady progress."

Ford also pledged that the U.S. will attempt to increase immigration from the Soviet Union. "It will be a complex process in which the Congress and I will have to work together. But the doors were open before, and we must strive to re-open them now."

Ford's speech, his first before an American-Jewish audience in many months, was primarily a reiteration of Secretary of State Kissinger's recent statements designed to reassure Israel and its American friends that the U.S. will continue its strong support for Israel.

Peres blasts Rabin at Labour Party meeting

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The simmering tension between Defence Minister Shimon Peres and Prime Minister Rabin erupted yesterday when Peres directly attacked the Premier at a meeting of the Labour Party Leadership Bureau.

Referring to an article in "Ha'aretz" on Wednesday which quoted a Rabin aide as saying the Premier would like to be free to dismiss some ministers, Mr. Peres said: "I don't know who this source is but in a democratic state no one person is above all the rest. If Rabin wants to fire someone, then let him resign, and that will bring about the resignation of the entire Cabinet."

Peres said he did not relish the idea of beginning the day with such unexpected volleys of abuse.

Labour Party secretary-general Meir Zarmi intervened to cut the exchange short, saying he would arrange consultations to clear the air between the Prime Minister and Defence Minister.

Some of those present said it was the sharpest attack yet by Peres against the Prime Minister.

Peres said the Prime Minister had made statements without the approval of the Cabinet. "Who ever decided to dismantle Kiryat Arba or other settlements? I know of no government decision not to settle in Samaria. On what ground did the Prime Minister agree to substantial withdrawals?" Never did Ben-Gurion or Golda Meir, who enjoyed unparalleled authority in the party, dare to make statements not approved

by the appropriate party forums, Peres remarked.

In the "Ha'aretz" article the "source close to the Prime Minister" was quoted as saying that Rabin suspected Peres' aides of mounting a campaign to disparage Rabin.

"Mr. Rabin does not need to bow to his Defence Minister's whims, as Golda Meir did in respect to Moshe Dayan," Mr. Rabin, the source indicated, was more successful than Mrs. Meir also in respect to his Foreign Minister; while Mrs. Meir could not dislodge Abba Eban from his post, Rabin was able to put in the Foreign Ministry a man more qualified for the job. Peres described this presentation of facts as a "non-serious feuilleton."

Peres said the main issue for the party was to know what challenges it was expecting the people to face. It was wrong, he added, "to begin history with 1973."

The Leadership Bureau met for a seemingly trifling item: to approve the idea that a small group of negotiators be named to exchange views with Mapam on the future of the Alignment. "That is putting the cart before the horse," God Ya'acobi, the Transport Minister, commented. In his view, the Labour Party should have outlined its own principles for future action before negotiating with Mapam.

However, the Bureau decided to ask the Prime Minister and the two party secretaries to draw up a list of names for the negotiating team, on the understanding that "no major changes in the Alignment agreement be introduced."

Golda Meir did not attend the Leadership Bureau meeting yesterday, but she is expected to be present at the steering forum of the Labour Party which meets today.

The Likud yesterday tabled an urgent motion for the agenda of the Knesset, claiming the Government was unable to function because of the dispute between the Prime Minister and the Defence Minister.

Peres inspects army sites

Defence Minister Shimon Peres yesterday inspected troops in the Central Command sector and the maintenance conditions at emergency stores.

Following a staff meeting at command headquarters, the minister took off for an aerial survey of settlements in the Jordan Valley and the Samaria hills. The head of the General Staff (operations) Branch, Aluf Yekutiel Adam, and the O.C. Central Command, Aluf Yona Sifat, pointed out the lines of planned fortifications, and the standard of maintenance at emergency stores.

Peres also visited an army unit in the sector and discussed service conditions with the men. In the afternoon, he toured the Eilat sector and visited forward defence positions in the region.

The minister summed up his tour in a talk with senior officers of the Central Command, and replied to questions on military and political subjects.

AID ISSUE DISCUSSED

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — A delegation of Israeli diplomatic, military and economic officials met yesterday with Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton seeking clarifications regarding pending foreign aid for Israel.

The meeting, which Israel requested, was designed to answer Israeli questions regarding technical issues, specifically payment due by the end of next month for arms shipments to Israel during the current fiscal year.

President Ford vetoed the fiscal year 1976 foreign aid authorization bill last week. Consequently, the Congress is currently attempting to draft a compromise version which the President will accept.

Unless foreign aid for Israel and other foreign recipients is approved before June 30, the end of the 1976 fiscal year, many of these countries will have difficulty meeting their payments to the U.S.

The Israel delegation was led by Embassy minister Hanan Baran, and included Zev Scher, the economic

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USSR 'courting Carter'

NEW YORK. — Soviet embassy officials reportedly are courting Jimmy Carter and trying through telephone calls and visits to his aides to promote a meeting between him and the Soviet Ambassador, "The New York Times" reported yesterday.

A spokesman for Carter, the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination, said Carter has had no contact with representatives of foreign governments and would consider such contacts "highly improper."

The "Times" quoted aides and advisers to Carter as saying the Soviets were dissatisfied with U.S. President Gerald Ford and had indicated they might be able to influence the election.

"Most of the conversations with the Russians have been about how U.S.-Soviet relations are falling apart because of the way they say Ford is trying to compete with (Ronald) Reagan for conservative votes," the newspaper quoted a Carter campaign source.

Meanwhile, Carter yesterday proposed a five-year ban on all nuclear test explosions — for peaceful or other purposes.

In a "non-political" speech to a conference on "Nuclear Energy and World Order," Carter also called for an "alliance for survival" to control the development and use of atomic power.

(AP, UPI)

Kissinger says campaign twisting U.S. policy

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger believes the presidential campaign has exploited U.S. foreign policy in a "partisan" and "unusual" manner, according to an interview published yesterday by the Hearst newspapers.

In response to a question by John Walsh of the "Boston Herald," Kissinger also indicated he would leave his position if President Ford so desired. "I am trying to serve my country, and if I am the slightest embarrassment for the President, there will be no difficulty about my leaving," the Secretary of State said. He added that Republican Presidential candidate Ronald Reagan's Panama Canal

policy "would be a disaster."

Reagan has said the Panama Canal is a sovereign U.S. Territory and the status of Texas and that America should hold it in perpetuity.

President Ford, meanwhile, has admitted for the first time that his campaign is running into trouble after a string of primary election losses.

He spoke of "problems" on Wednesday while campaigning in his home state of Michigan for next Tuesday's state primary, when anything less than victory would severely damage his chances of beating Ronald Reagan for the party's mandate.

The former California governor has defeated the President in five of the last six primaries, most recently in Nebraska this week. Victory on Ford's home ground would make him front-runner in the Republican race.

The President's recent setbacks in the primaries have given rise to White House fears that he might become the first President to be denied his party's renomination since Chester Arthur in 1884.

(UPI, Reuter)

MURDER IN T.A. LOTTERY SHOP

TEL AVIV. — One man was shot dead and two wounded by two bandits who raided a Sportoto agency here last night.

The raid took place in Rehov Mediat Yesharim, in the Shapira quarter, at about 10 o'clock.

No further details were immediately available.

Full details were available immediately but it is learned there was little money in the Sportoto shop at the time of the robbery, and none was taken. A squaring of underworld accounts is suspected.

Police Minister Shlomo Hillel and Tel Aviv police chief David Ofir were on the scene within five minutes. They had been on a tour with police parties raiding gambling dens and pseudo-massage parlours in the area.

No diplomatic visas for Arab students

WASHINGTON. — Students from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait will no longer receive preferred diplomatic visas in the U.S., Rep. Joshua Ellberg, Democrat-Pennsylvania, said yesterday.

The State Department has agreed that within six months the 5,000 students affected would have their visas changed to the same classification as 80,000 foreign students studying in the U.S., Ellberg said.

(UPI)

Jumblatt confers with Soviet Ambassador

BEIRUT. — As fighting continued throughout Lebanon yesterday, leftist leader Kamel Jumblatt left a meeting with the rebel Lebanese Army to confer with Soviet Ambassador Vladimir Solodkov.

"There are important developments in the situation," Jumblatt said but gave no details.

Jumblatt said he would return to his coalition's meeting to report

on his talks with the Russian but instead left for a hastily-arranged visit to Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat.

Informed sources said the Soviet Union aimed to pressure Jumblatt to drop the leftist's bitter opposition to Syria's peace initiative and their insistence that Syrian forces withdraw from Lebanon.

Jumblatt earlier met with Egyptian

Ambassador Ahmed Lutfi Metwalli and discussed the position of the Palestinians, who have supplied many of the leftist troops in the 18-month conflict.

At least 200 were killed and 150 wounded yesterday in battles which erupted in the capital and its suburbs, the northern city of Tripoli, and across the central Mount Lebanon region.

(UPI)

Praise for Herzog

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon let it be known yesterday that he had sent a cable to Ambassador Herzog congratulating him on his recent performance in the Security Council and in ECOSOC. News of Mr. Allon's cable was released last night, and this timing was seen as especially significant in view of the publication yesterday of criticism of Herzog made by Ambassador to Washington Simcha Dinitz.

Allon's cable was therefore immediately taken by observers as an indication that the Minister sought to support Herzog against Dinitz' attack.



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	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	21	14-26	12-23
Golan	40	10-24	9-21
Nahariya	35	11-22	14-23
Safed	32	11-22	10-21
Haifa	66	17-24	15-23
Tiberias	42	18-20	14-23
Nazareth	46	18-20	14-23
Afula	40	14-23	13-22
Shomron	30	13-22	12-21
Tel Aviv	70	17-26	15-24
B-G Airport	40	15-23	13-22
Jericho	40	15-23	13-22
Caesarea	71	16-25	14-24
Beer Sheva	13	14-31	12-28
Elad	39	24-35	22-32
Tiran	39	24-35	22-32

Social and Personal

The Norwegian Ambassador and Mrs. Odd Jakobsen yesterday visited the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

The French Consul in Jerusalem, Pierre Mirmand, this week called on Mayor Teddy Kollek on the completion of his tour of duty.

A reception was held in Jerusalem yesterday to mark the 80th birthday of Yitzhak Kanov, initiator of the National Insurance Institute. Labour Minister Moshe Baran and Mrs. Golda Meir were among these present.

Twenty-six leading members of Japan's Sekai Kyusei-kyo (Church of World Messiahism), here on their first visit to Israel, last night held a reception at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem.

Tel Aviv University Rector Shlomo Simonsohn is to speak on higher education at today's meeting of the Haifa Engineers Club at one o'clock.

An Oneg Shabbat in English, will be held tonight at Heichal Shlomo in Jerusalem at 9. Rabbi Dr. S.M. Lehrman and Mr. Benjamin Av-Leah will be speakers. Zvirot: Cantor Arye Goldberg. A Melave Malka programme will be held at 8.30 p.m. tomorrow, with Rabbi David Teisler as guest speaker. Cantor Yehuda Lender will sing, and a film will be shown. The public is invited.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held at 9 p.m. tonight at Huh Shivat Zion, 86 Rehov Ben-Yehuda. Tel Aviv. Tourists are invited to meet Ya'acov Bar-Or, community leader, and Alex Levine, distinguished South African settler.

ARRIVALS

U.S. Congressman Joshua Albright (Dem., Penn.) for a four-day visit as part of a Middle East tour.

DEPARTURES

Justice Minister Haim Zadok, to Canada, for a week's visit as guest of Canadian Justice Minister Ron Basford. Grand Cardinal Koenig, Primate of Austria, after a 10-day visit. Rabbi Eliezer Shapira, President of the Jerusalem Rabbinical Council, for a month's visit to the U.S., on behalf of Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, during which he will visit the Chief Rabbi of Moscow, Rabbi Ya'acov Fishman. Elhanan Pellet, president of the Association of Engineers and Architects, to attend a meeting of the executive of the International Technical Cooperation Centre in Brussels.

Rabbi Dov Perla dies at 60

Rabbi Dov Perla, director of the Holy Places Division at the Religious Affairs Ministry, died in Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem yesterday and was buried on the Mount of Olives. He was 60. The funeral was attended by the Chief Rabbi, the Minister of Religious Affairs, the Mayor of Jerusalem and many rabbis and yeshiva students.

Born in Poland, Rabbi Perla came to this country in 1937. He was one of the first students at the Makaz Harav yeshiva in Jerusalem. He is survived by his wife and four children. (Itim)

20 GIRL SOLDIERS will be trained to teach Arabic in junior high schools throughout the country's development areas. The programme, which is part of the Intelligence Corps' campaign to encourage Middle East studies in the country, is to be undertaken in cooperation with the Ministry of Education.

OPEC — Two Kuwait newspapers yesterday forecast that the headquarters of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) would be moved from Vienna to Bahrain or Geneva.

EARTHQUAKE — U.S. Vice President Nelson Rockefeller toured Italy's earthquake disaster area, yesterday, shortly after the Senate voted \$25m. aid for the victims.

Security alert as Arabs plan rallies

Jerusalem Post Staff
Security forces are on alert throughout the West Bank and in the north against possible disturbances by Arab extremists today and tomorrow.

Rallies are set for today in several Arab villages to mark the 40th day since six Galilee villagers were killed during riots. Tomorrow is May 15, the date of the declaration of the State in 1948, which is often a day picked by the terror groups for their murderous attacks.

The authorities yesterday issued an order banning local and foreign press from covering disturbances in the administered areas, unless the newsmen are accompanied by military escorts. The order said newsmen would be restricted only in areas where security activities were being conducted. Escort officers will be assigned to newsmen wishing to travel near these locations.

One local journalist criticized the order because "the authorities are making the territories seem like a

front-line area." A foreign newsmen labelled the measures as a "new form of censorship."

The watch along the Lebanese border has been intensified, as Rakah Communists called on Arab youth to commemorate the "Day of the Land" disturbances. Services are to be held in mosques and churches in Kafr Kanna and a monument is to be put up at Arrabeh. Two of the six dead were from these villages.

Despite Rakah's careful preparations, it appears that the Arab population is much less willing to participate in such activities than they were on March 30. The organization which is promoting the rallies calls itself "The committee for the protection of Arab land holdings." The committee is using two kinds of language in its appeals to the Jewish and Arab population. In Hebrew notices, it calls the six dead, "victims"; but in Arabic, the dead are described as "fallen in the fight for the protection of the land and our honour."



A STONE sculptor from the region of Mount Sinai, Salem al-Hawath, displays his skill and some of his figurines at the Tel Aviv artists' fair, run concurrently with Book Week.

Rabin defends Axel Springer

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday joined Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek and the Hebrew University in denouncing protests from within his own party against the university's decision to honour Axel Springer.

In a conversation with the Israel representative of the West German publisher, Mr. Rabin said the "initiator" of such a protest has given a "blatant example of irresponsibility and lack of understanding."

The protest was made by the Young Guard of the Labour Party. Springer, a frequent visitor to and benefactor of Jerusalem, is a popular target of left-wing and liberal quarters in West Germany. He is to be awarded an honorary doctorate of the Hebrew University.

Mr. Kollek's statement described Springer as "Israel's best friend in Europe."

Sunshine, bargains lure thousands of booklovers

By AARON SITNER and SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Fair weather, ample displays and reduced prices yesterday drew tens of thousands of book lovers to Hebrew Book Week events throughout the country. It was the second day of the fair.

Major book bazaars are in progress in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Beersheba and Netanya. Similar events on a smaller scale are being held in 20 other localities. The "week" will end May 19 but in Jerusalem, it will end a day later. Stalls are opened in the afternoon and closed at 10 or 11 p.m.

Business was lively at the fair in Jerusalem yesterday. Soft background music was piped through overhead loudspeakers, as the browsers and buyers sauntered from stand to stand, collecting price lists and leafing through volumes.

There are 68 exhibitors at the Jerusalem fair, which this year is being held outside the Plaza Hotel rather than in Independence Park, two blocks north, as in the past. "It seems to me the crowds are less lively than in previous years," Danny Fisher, a worker for the sponsoring Book Publishers Association, told The Post. "Sure, prices are a bit high. But we are offering reductions of 25 and 35 per cent and books are still the best buy around."

Katzir honoured on 60th birthday

President Ephraim Katzir's 60th birthday was marked yesterday in a celebration held at the Jerusalem Theatre. Honouring the President and Mrs. Katzir were the Prime Minister, members of the Cabinet, members of the Supreme Court, representatives of the diplomatic corps, prominent scientists, religious leaders, public personalities, and dignitaries from abroad.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin praised the President as a great Zionist leader who is also an important scientist. He said Mr. Katzir is the embodiment of the statesman who is a humanist.

Ashdod oil tests may take weeks

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — It will take up to three weeks of tests to determine the quality of the oil sample taken earlier this week from the Ashdod II drilling site. The two-metre-long core specimen is being tested at the Haifa Refineries' laboratories.

Industry sources say an encouraging aspect of this specific bore hole is that the test sample was taken at a depth of 2,600 metres. It had been planned to drill to a depth of 3,000 metres.

With equipment recently obtained from the U.S., it is now possible to drill up to a depth of 6,000 metres. This equipment could also be used to obtain secondary finds in old drilling sites. (See T.A. Stocks — page 9).

Newsman oppose wider censorship

TEL AVIV. — The national convention of journalists, which opened in Jerusalem on Wednesday, closed here last night with a resolution opposing any extension of press censorship to topics other than security. Freedom of expression is basic to a democratic State, the resolution said.

The convention also called on fellow-journalists throughout the free world to raise their voices against the persecution of Jews in the Soviet and Arab worlds.

Opposition was declared to the employment of emigres as representatives of Israel news media in their countries of residence.

The convention elected Danny Bloch, Levi-Yitzhak Yerushalmi and Yehuda Azriel as the Journalists' Federation's executive. Moshe Ron was re-elected as General Secretary, to be succeeded after one year by Meir Ben-Gur.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS Tiring Israeli bridge team slips to 15th place

By TANNAR HIRSCH
Special to The Jerusalem Post

MONTE CARLO. — After playing superb bridge for almost two weeks, Israel yesterday began to show signs of tiredness as the fifth world bridge olympiad neared the halfway mark.

Israel met Italy in the 12th round, and hopes were high after two wins in the Bermuda Bowl qualifying rounds, but Italy played well and it required a rally by Israel to salvage five victory points of 20.

The next round was a considerable disappointment. Israel's opponents were the host country, Monaco, languishing near the foot of the table. But Israel could only manage to gain 15VP. In the 14th round, Israel lost again to an opponent well behind in the standings. This time Norway was the victor by a score of 15-5.

In the 15th round, Israel played Great Britain, the current leaders. It was a well played match but the British, determined to hold onto the top spot emerged winners by a score of 14-6.

At the end of 15 rounds, Israel had slipped to 15th place with a total of 166VP. Leading scores: Great Britain 234; Sweden 221; Poland 220; Germany 214; Italy 207; France 206; Brazil 204; Switzerland 203; USA 190.

In the women's event, Israel lost again, this time 15-5 to Switzerland. Israel is in 18th place among the 21 countries with 45VP. Leading scores: Great Britain 103; Italy, France 58; Denmark, USA 57.

Two held for drug smuggling

TEL AVIV. — Two men from El-Arish, Ibrahim Abu-Amra and Abdo El-Adar, were yesterday remanded for 15 days by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court on suspicion of belonging to an international drug ring.

According to the police, a loose door screw in the car in which the two suspects were driving caught the eye of police who were following a car. A closer check revealed 1.33 kilograms of opium stashed in the door panel. The police said that a receipt in Arabic for the opium was found in Abu-Amra's possession, and that the two may be working for an international drug ring.

Abu-Amra told the Court that he had agreed to deliver the opium for a Bedouin because he needed the money to finance an operation for his son. Abu-Amra added that the second suspect did not know about the drug, a claim echoed by El-Adar.

In another drug case, indictments were brought in the Tel Aviv District Court against Avraham Sharem, 22, and Avraham

Almogi: Morocco story 'silly'

TEL AVIV. — Jewish Agency chairman Yosef Almogi yesterday dubbed as "foolish sensationalism" the recent spate of rumours of the alleged readiness of Moroccan-born Israelis to return to their country of origin. Mr. Almogi referred to the "diabolic Moroccan-government-PLO council" in this respect.

Almogi was speaking here to the council of the Association of Moroccan Jews in Israel. The speaker noted the more sophisticated methods now being employed against Israel by the Arabs, after several vain attempts to destroy her by physical force.

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Almogi added there is absolutely no reason to imagine that such a call would be heeded. It is completely unfounded to assert that scores, let alone hundreds, have responded to the proposal, he said. Deputy Communications Minister Eli Moyal and the association's chairman, Sam Abutbul, expressed shock and the strongest condemnation of gross distortion on this topic.

Mr. Almogi praised the community for their integration in the country, and said that the Jewish Agency has launched a concerted campaign to encourage the 100,000-strong Moroccan-Jewish community residing abroad outside Morocco, to immigrate to Israel. (Itim)



Mrs. Fischer shows photograph Rahamim Israeli her robbed safe.

Elderly pair tied up, robbed in J'lem flat

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Four armed robbers broke into a flat in the Rehov section of Jerusalem early yesterday morning, forcing the elderly residents to hand over their cash and leaving them bound hand and foot.

Milka Fischer, 75, of 19 Rehov Aza, said yesterday that the robbers had broken through both the locked entrance to the apartment house and the door to her house at four a.m. Once inside, she said, they threatened her with a knife and revolver and forced her to open her late husband's safe, which stands in her living room.

The thieves told her they wanted dollars, she said, but all she had in the safe was IL900, which they took together with some jewellery. Before leaving, they cut the telephone and tied her up, as they did Laszlo Mancel, an elderly invalid roomer.

Mrs. Fischer said she managed to free herself soon after the thieves left. Neighbours called the police and they arrived within five minutes.

The victim seemed especially upset over the fact that she had cleaned her flat the day before the robbery.

Aid talks

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minister, Yosef Chieconover, the head of the Defence Ministry's purchasing mission in New York and other Israeli officials.

Israel has conveyed its hope to the U.S. that a foreign aid bill will be approved before the end of next month. Earlier this week, the House International Relations and the Senate Foreign Relations committees approved two-year authorization bills, which now go to the full House and Senate for final approval.

Ambassador Simcha Dinitz is scheduled to meet today with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to discuss the crucial aid issue, as well as other subjects. Including the debate at the UN security council concerning Israel's treatment of Arabs on the West Bank.

Kissinger is expected to raise the issue of Israel's settlements in the administered territories — an issue that could lead to a full-scale confrontation between Washington and Jerusalem.

The U.S. has made it clear that it considers establishment of additional Israeli settlements in the territories obstacles to the peace process, and has asked Israel to stop building them.

Shots from Lebanon

An Israeli patrol near the Lebanese border came under small arms fire from Lebanese territory around 8 p.m. on Wednesday and fired back, the military spokesman said yesterday. There were no casualties, he said.

Syrians

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day not to disclose the Kaddum settlers at once has been widely criticized in the U.S. press and media. A follow-up story in "The New York Times" reporting major new West Bank settlement projects on the drawing-board drew a sharp reaction from the State Department spokesman, who said he hoped "these reports are not correct."

There is speculation that Mr. Rabin seeks, too, to move the focus of Israeli public attention away from the Kaddum issue, on which a number of commentators have accused him of dithering.

Sources close to the Premier deny any ulterior motives behind his Wednesday speeches. The speeches were merely an analysis of the situation, pointing out important developments affecting Syria, these sources explain. The reference to possible talks with Syria was a hope rather than a prognosis.

These sources said that the reaction of U.S. government circles to the Cabinet's Kaddum decision has been considerably more positive than that of the American media.

Herzog-Dinitz argument

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formula as a vital instrument in Israel's information effort.

Both Dinitz and Herzog did not want to make statements in their own names, presumably because they had been instructed by Jerusalem to play down the incident in the hope that their personal rivalry would not intensify. It was clear, however, here that both envoys were equally upset that the Dinitz cable had been leaked in Jerusalem.

Behind this latest report of differences between Herzog and Dinitz regarding Israeli-Soviet relations lies an unpleasant personal background resulting from Foreign Minister Allon's decision last year to take Herzog — rather than Dinitz — along to his three-hour New York meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Dinitz would have liked to accompany Allon to the session, especially because he had been used in Washington on previous occasions as a contact with Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin. What

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Government, MKs fail to agree on budget cuts

By GIDION ESHEET
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

A decision on cutting IL2b. from the State budget was stalemated at yesterday's meeting between Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and coalition members of the Knesset Finance Committee. It was agreed to refer the problem to the various pro-Government Knesset factions.

At yesterday's meeting, five participants supported the proposed cut while five were opposed. The former were: David Coren, Adi Amoral, Ben-Zion Halfon, Avraham Melamed and Yitzhak Golan. Opposing were: Israel Karagman, Nuchai Katzav, Aharon Eshel, Moshe Shahal and Eliezer Aftavi. The proposal to submit the question to faction decision was made by Ya'acov Frank.

The factions are expected to oppose the curtailment.

The Finance Minister told the meeting that a cut of sorts would take place in any case, as the budget is geared to a 25 per cent price rise, whereas this rise will, in fact, reach 28 per cent. If the value added tax is not introduced, Mr. Rabinowitz said, because of the strike by special-allowance civil servants, additional taxes will be imposed to raise IL2.5b. As pointed out in yesterday's Jerusalem Post no final decisions on this score can be expected before mid-June.

Rabinowitz is due to meet today with representatives of Customs and Income Tax personnel to discuss the work sanctions they have adopted since Tuesday.

The Treasury's director-general, Arnon Gafni, yesterday met with tax collectors who had been adversely affected by the Barkai committee's decisions. He flatly rejected their conditions to return to full-work: compensation for the loss of pay resulting from the committee's proposals. He would, nevertheless be "open-minded" on any reasonable proposal by the Treasury's staff and called upon them to resubmit work unconditionally. They reject this call.

The National Insurance employes yesterday met with their director-general, Amiram Sivan, and the secretary of the civil servants union, Haim Bernstein, but no change in their position was reported.

Steel city men reject transfers

Jerusalem Post Staff

ACRE. — Backed by the Labour Council here, the works committee of Steel City yesterday returned to the management the written instructions transferring 42 men from the rolling mill to the foundry.

"These instructions were issued by Koor without prior consultation with the shop and staff committees or us," Council Secretary Yitzhak Haziza said yesterday. "The works committees, the permanent staff and the engineers reject this step of the management. It runs counter to the agreement on the Keyser committee, which says that a status quo is to be maintained and no facts are to be created by either side while it is at work."

Haziza added, "We have informed the management that a reduction of manpower must await the examination and approval of experts. Meanwhile the men remain at work at the previous jobs assigned to them by their shop stewards, as usual."

The Koor management had decided to transfer the 42 workers out of its rolling mill, effective two days ago, but the workers have declined to leave their posts. Koor claims the workers are redundant, contributing to the Steel City facility's monthly loss of IL3m.

Haziza maintained, however, that it was incorrect to say the men were redundant and idle at the rolling mill, because they were working overtime there and getting paid for it. "Not a transfer is the issue, but reduction of the labour strength there by unilateral action."

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Jerusalem — Israel's biggest city

Tel Aviv now second in population

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem has displaced Tel Aviv as the most populous city in the country.

By the end of last year, Jerusalem's population was 358,000 compared to Tel Aviv's 354,000, according to figures released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics. The gap is steadily widening, as the capital's population increases and Tel Aviv's shrinks.

Before the Six Day War, Jerusalem was only the third largest city in Israel, with a population of 201,000. The addition of 65,000 Arabs from West Jerusalem brought it ahead of Haifa. The rapid development of the city since then has pushed it past Tel Aviv, which

has held the title of largest city since the state was created. However, while Tel Aviv has been suffering a steady loss of population to its suburbs, it remains the centre of a metropolitan region with a population of 1,175,000. Jerusalem's hinterland numbers less than 100,000 residents. Therefore, Tel Aviv does not "feel" like a smaller city, particularly in view of the increasing commercial and tourism activities there.

Of Jerusalem's 358,000 residents, 96,000 are non-Jews, according to the Statistical Bureau's spokesman, David Neumann. A separate analysis made by Jerusalem statistician Chanoch Smith for the Municipality shows that the Arab share in the population has in-

creased only slightly in the past nine years — from 26 per cent of the total to 27 per cent — despite a higher birthrate. Jewish immigration played an important role in offsetting this birthrate. He estimated that Jerusalem surpassed Tel Aviv early last December and that the populations of the two cities had reached 340,000 and 338,000 respectively. Haifa's population at the end of 1975 was 237,000, up by 2,000 from the previous year. Tel Aviv last year lost 5,900 residents. Its eastern neighbors — Bnei Brak, Ramat Gan and Givatayim also lost population — a total of 1,400. The Beit Yehon area to the south gained 2,600. Other cities further out in the metropolitan region also gained.

Row over Jaffa mosque renovation

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The municipality for the time being is not giving the go-ahead for a project to renovate Jaffa's Hassan Bek Mosque, in which no prayers have been held for 40 years.

Deputy Mayor Yigal Griffl said yesterday he is awaiting an opinion from the Attorney-General on the renovation scheme, which would also include developing the area surrounding the mosque into a tourist-oriented commercial centre. The plan has the blessing of the local Muslim Waqf, which is also a partner in the project, but has aroused stiff opposition from other

Muslims, headed by Abed Kabub. The group has sent a message to the Foreign Minister, threatening to launch a formal complaint to the UN unless the plan is abandoned. The Hassan Bek Mosque became notorious in 1947 and 1948, when Arab snipers used its tall minaret as a sniper's nest to shoot down Tel Aviv residents. Today, the edifice is largely neglected, frequented only by prostitutes and drug addicts.

Several years ago, the Waqf made a deal with contractor Ger-shon Peres, whereby he would renovate the mosque in return for a 49-year lease on a two-and-a-half dunam area around the building,

which would be turned into a tourist centre. The contractor and the Waqf argue that legally, there is nothing wrong with the deal, since the mosque is the owner of the site and fully authorized to enter into the agreement.

Deputy Mayor Griffl, who is in charge of the municipal building portfolio, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the problem basically involves clan feuds in Jaffa: "What one group wants, the other opposes. But in today's political climate, we have got to tread very carefully — even in a case of this sort. Anything can be fuel enough for the UN fire, he said.

"The project has come up for approval at the local building commission and from a strictly legal viewpoint, we are obliged to give it our consideration. However, given the delicate matter involved, we saw fit to request the opinions of the Prime Minister's Arab Affairs Advisor, Shmuel Toledano, the Foreign Ministry, the Religious Affairs Ministry and the Attorney-General," Griffl said.

The Attorney-General's reply is expected in about a month. The Foreign Ministry and Toledano have approved the deal, saying that it would lead to the renovation of the mosque and that it is perfectly legal. The Ministry of Religious Affairs, however, has come out against the scheme.

FESTIVITIES FOR TIBERIAS SAGE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — The traditional festivities for the sage, Rabbi Meir Ba'al Hanes (The Miracle Master), were held here yesterday, attended by several thousand celebrants from all over the country.

The festivities opened in the afternoon in the Etz Haim synagogue with a procession of Torah scrolls to the site of the sage's tomb on the shores of Lake Kinneret. At midnight, the celebrants were due to light a fire near the tomb, and continue the festivities throughout the night.

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Chess tourney opens in Haifa

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Sixteen top-ranking chess players, all men, aged 17 to 66, looking very much at ease, presented themselves at the Nof Hotel yesterday for this year's national chess championships which will last until May 29. Twelve women will start their tournament next Wednesday.

Games are played daily from 3 to 8 p.m. Mayor Yehoram Zeisel and Chess Federation Chairman Aviad Yaffe, MK, congratulated International Master Moshe Ozeriak on the 40th anniversary of the first occasion he won the national championship. As befits the silent game of chess, the opening function was brief and words were few.

Local chess organizers regard the national championship as a technical rehearsal for the World Chess Olympiad to take place in this city from October 24 to November 11. That event will bring to Haifa some 700 men and women players from 60 countries in addition to a few thousand of their followers.

The composition of this week's championship reflects in a way the educational make-up of the population. Only two of the 16 are from the oriental communities, Ya'acov Masliah and David Ben-Zion. Masliah explained that chess, as a game of abstract thinking, had not been encouraged among persons from Moslem countries. About half of the contestants are either sabras or came here as very young children. The relatively strongest single group are immigrants from the Soviet Union. Both the male and female title holders of 1974, when the last championship contest took place, Grandmaster Vladimir Liberzon (who is not taking part this year) and Olga Podrazhanskaya, came from Russia.

No Arab turned up in the preliminary contests.

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Dead Sea lauded for treatment of skin disease

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The beneficial effects of the Dead Sea in treating psoriasis has been recognized by medical insurance funds in Scandinavia and Central Europe — but not by Kupat Holim. This was stated yesterday by Dr. W.W. Avrach, of Hadassah hospital (Jerusalem) dermatologist to the 11th national scientific convention of the Dermatological Society.

Psoriasis, prevalent throughout the world, is defined as a disfiguring chronic skin disease characterized by the formation of scaly red patches. Dr. Avrach said that "results of treatment at the Dead Sea were just as good as in any hospital — and the Dead Sea was much cheaper."

Of the several hundred patients treated at the Dead Sea, "24 per cent recovered completely, 53 per cent showed a marked improvement, and 19 per cent partial improvement; and four per cent showed no improvement."

But, he noted, the cure is not permanent, the rate of relapse being similar to that after treatment in hospital.

Incentive for local 'exports'

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Israelis selling products to airlines, shipping companies, UN forces and similar bodies which pay in foreign currency will be entitled to a refund of indirect taxes of IL1.54 per dollar, according to new regulations issued by the director-general of the Commerce and Industry Ministry. The rate of the refund is adjusted if the pound is devalued.

The new regulation is in force retroactively from January 1, 1976. Since suppliers to airlines, shipping companies, the duty-free shop in Ben-Gurion Airport, embassies, UNRWA and the UN forces will enjoy the refund as given to exporters of the lower (26-35 per cent) added value.

Another regulation issued by the director-general fixes the participation of the Government in expenses for small exporters (with exports up to \$100,000). The Government contributes towards the cost of advertisements, research in foreign markets and in other spheres up to a sum of IL10,000 a year.

No 'bobbe meises' in advertisements

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Tel Aviv District Court has issued a temporary injunction against the Shagar car towing company forbidding the use of the words "bobbe meises" — "grandmother's tales" — in its advertisements.

The phrase appears in company posters and newspaper advertisements in which the public is asked not to believe the "tales" told by a rival company about their respective services.

The injunction was granted at the request of the Magor towing company, which claimed that the Shagar posters and advertisements make Magor out to be an organization of "liars and frauds" and have caused great damage to the company. It will remain in force until the conclusion of court proceedings in Magor's IL500,000 suit for damages against Shagar.

Veterans reunion

Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVICHAEL. — The annual reunion of the veterans of the Jewish Legion will be held at Beit Hagardim here on Monday. The reunion will mark the 60th anniversary of the formation of the Jewish units which participated in the liberation of Palestine from Turkish rule.

Legion veterans who have reached the age of 80 will be specially honored. Each will receive a certificate for trees planted in his name in the Veterans' Forest, in the approaches to Jerusalem.

At Tel Hashomer Hospital the victims included soldiers, a staff nurse and the eight-year-old son of a nurse in the eye department. Commenting on the inadequacy of advance notice and warning about the eclipse in the news media, a doctor at the Soroka Medical Centre said that he had not been aware of the coming of the eclipse.

The rays of the partially eclipsed sun are strong enough to do damage to the macula or yellow spot, which is that part of the eye's retina which gives acuity to vision. The sun rays may leave scars on the macula which in severe cases can reduce the sharpness of vision so that the victim can no longer tell the number of fingers held in front of his eyes at a distance of six metres. Such loss of vision would disqualify a person from receiving a driver's licence or from being accepted by the army.

The hospital authorities said they

Tax defaulters must pay if property is damaged

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

People who do not pay their property tax are not entitled to compensation if the property is damaged by sabotage. There have been several cases where appeals for compensation were not paid for this reason.

Dov Staub, Deputy Income Tax Commissioner, told *The Jerusalem Post* that there have only been a few exceptions: with the approval of the Knesset Finance Committee, compensation of not more than 50 per cent of the damages can be paid in special cases. Staub said the Government pays 100 per cent of the repair costs if the property tax has been paid.

Earlier this week, the Knesset approved the new property tax, under which some 450,000 apartments — valued under IL200,000 — will be exempt from the tax. The tax rate has been reduced from 0.7 to 0.6 per cent for apartments valued over IL200,000.

The major change in the new law is the abolition of the tax freeze on property bought before 1971. Under the previous law, the tax rate on property bought before 1972 was set for five years.

Following are the tax rates on apartments:

value IL	Old rate IL	Tax on apartments bought after 1972 IL	New rate IL
100,000	70	0	0
150,000	210	210	0
200,000	350	560	0
300,000	630	1,260	600
400,000	910	1,960	1,200
500,000	1,190	2,660	1,800
1,000,000	2,590	6,160	4,800

Treasury to plug loopholes in olim currency benefits

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Finance Ministry is planning measures to prevent abuse of the immigrant privilege that allows the re-conversion of foreign currency during one's first 10 years in the country. *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday.

According to current regulations, an immigrant who converted foreign currency brought here from abroad into pounds is allowed to "buy back" the same amount of foreign currency from the same bank branch at the official rate (at the time of re-conversion).

Dov Kantorovich, foreign currency controller at the Treasury, told *The Post* that rumours about plans to tighten up control of these transactions were factual. "There has been considerable abuse of these privileges by lawbreakers," he explained.

Veteran Israelis, who are not allowed to hold foreign currency bank accounts, have made deals with some immigrants who do. Rather than go to the black market, these Israelis have bought foreign currency cheques from the immigrants illegally, according to Treasury officials.

Absorption circles are worried that putting limitations on the re-conversion of foreign currency would deter potential immigrants from the West.

Kantorovich maintained, however, that any measures taken against the lawbreaking would not affect honest immigrants who enjoy the privileges (he did not specify what the measures would be or when they would be enacted). He added that they would not include an inordinate amount of bureaucratic forms that would deter the immigrant from making proper use of his privileges.

Churches protest 'Passover Plot'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The association of churches in Nazareth has threatened to close churches and suspend services unless the Government bans filming of the unorthodox Jesus film "The Passover Plot."

The churchmen — representing a number of denominations — charged, in letters to the President and the Prime Minister, that the film was "blasphemous." Based on the book of the same title by Dr. Hugh Schonfield and produced by Hugh Houghton, the film portrays Jesus as a political leader, rather than the "Son of God."

Yisrael Lippel, deputy director-

general in the Ministry for Religious Affairs, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that his ministry has received many letters of protest in the last few weeks (many seem to have been sparked by the *Post's* description of the film in the magazine of April 23, 1976). Among those protesting were the Apostolic Delegate and a cardinal from the Vatican.

Lippel said the Government is aware of the sensitive nature of the film, but has been unable to do anything about it "since anyone is free to film a movie in Israel. The film is almost completed anyway," he added.

Paz scholarships for students

Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT. — Scholarships designed to influence students to "go home to their development towns and live and work there" were presented to the mayors of eight such towns yesterday who in turn will pass them on to 326 recipients.

The cheques were handed over by Sir Isaac Wolfson at his home at the Weissmann Institute here. Sir Isaac and the Paz Oil Company, whose board chairman he is, set up the fund some months ago with initial contributions of IL1m. At yesterday's ceremony, some IL470,000 was distributed, in sums ranging from IL750 to IL1,800. The rest of the IL1m will be distributed next year, and it is expected that

Sir Isaac and Paz will continue to finance the project which is called the "Post-Secondary Education Fund."

The idea behind the "fund" is to help persuade promising youngsters from eight development towns — Eilat, Mitzpeh Rimón, Yeruham, Hazor Galilee, Shlomi, Kiryat Shmona, Matat and Beit Shean — studying in the major cities, to return to their home towns where their talents are desperately needed.

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Casualties reach new heights in Rhodesian guerrilla action

SALISBURY. — Black Rhodesian guerrillas have stepped up their offensive against white security forces and in the past week 37 blacks and whites were killed in clashes between the two sides, a security forces headquarters spokesman said Wednesday.

Among the dead were three white soldiers killed in a skirmish Wednesday. Two black troops died in an earlier engagement, the spokesman said.

It added that 10 black civilians were blown up in a landmine explosion a few days ago.

Military sources said the casualty toll over the seven-day period was the highest recorded since nationalist guerrillas began increasing their

border incursions in January. They said 11 guerrillas were killed in the fighting, which has been concentrated along the eastern border with neighbouring Mozambique. The latest communiqués have not pinpointed the location of any skirmishes.

The U.S. embassy in Pretoria warned Americans living in Rhodesia to make contingency plans for leaving the country should there be a major worsening of the security situation.

The statement also urged Americans not to travel to or within Rhodesia. It followed a warning to Americans in Rhodesia by Dr. Henry Kissinger, the U.S. Secretary of State, in a speech in Lusaka last

month. He told them that the U.S. could not protect them.

A spokesman for the Rhodesian Department of Foreign Affairs said the embassy statement shows the U.S. State Department remains "completely out of touch" with the reality of the situation in Rhodesia.

He said that since accredited American authorities have not visited Rhodesia they are in no position to form a balanced position on the situation.

In another development, about 150 junior officials of the militant faction of the Rhodesian African National Council have been arrested. The movement's secretary general said yesterday.

The secretary said the reports of arrests, which have taken place over the last three weeks, are still coming in. They coincide with the political and military offensive launched by the government of Prime Minister Ian Smith aimed at defeating the guerrillas.

Meanwhile, an armed band led by a man trained by South African defence forces in South West Africa has killed two soldiers and four villagers in Zambia's northwestern province, Home Affairs Minister Aaron Milner said yesterday.

Milner said the gang had burned down six villages and blown up a bridge and that a Zambian police inspector and six poachers had been accidentally shot and killed by police and para-military forces pursuing the band.

In Moscow, the Official News Agency Tass said the USSR is expanding its activities in helping revolutionary movements in southern Africa.

Tass carried the statements of Alexander Dzasokhov, deputy chairman of the Soviet Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee, which he said had long-standing ties with African revolutionary movements.

Wednesday Tass quoted Geidar Aliyev, a new candidate member of the ruling Politburo of the Communist Party, as saying Moscow would continue to support African "freedom fighters," and suggesting that détente offers good opportunities for liberation movements abroad.

(AP, UPI)

U.S. won't deal with African guerrillas

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said yesterday the U.S. has agreed that it will have no more direct dealings with liberation movements in southern Africa. Kissinger told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in a report on his trip to Africa, "An important development is the agreement by a number of African leaders that outside powers should not in the future deal directly with liberation movements in southern Africa."

This means, the Secretary went on, that "I believe that it is becoming more unlikely that other African countries will invite Cuban troops." He said that the Cuban participation in the Angolan civil war had been considered an inevitable development by African leaders, something beyond their power to prevent.

"I believe many African leaders now see that there is an alternative," Kissinger said, "and that they can coalesce around a peaceful approach which will deprive the Soviets and Cubans of any plausible reason for remaining in force in Africa." (UPI)

U.S. rabbis end tour of Morocco

RABAT. — Four American rabbis were received by King Hassan at the royal palace here yesterday at the end of a week's tour of ancient Jewish communities in Morocco.

The king told the group, led by Rabbi Boruch Heiman, a history professor at Harvard University, he hoped their visit would help to "build bridges between Muslims and Jews and between Moroccans and Americans."

The rabbis had come to Morocco at the invitation of the government's tourist office, to investigate the possibility of organizing regular tours of American Jews. (Reuter)



Charlie Smith, who will celebrate his 13th birthday in July, wears a cap and gown and holds a teddy bear as he is awarded an honorary high school diploma in Bartow, Florida, on Wednesday. Mr. Smith, who is a former slave, received a telegram from President Ford on the occasion. (UPI telephoto)

Spanish reforms attacked by Communists, rightists

MADRID. — An all-out attack by Spain's entrenched right on the government's programme of political reform may block its passage by the Cortes (parliament) and force King Juan Carlos to take the matter directly to the people, a Monarchist source said yesterday.

At the same time, the outlawed Communist Party denounced a government invitation to the non-Communist left to join in bringing about democratic reforms.

Rejection of the reform package by the conservative-dominated Cortes will cause the King to invoke an article of the constitution which empowers him to submit matters of urgent national interest to a referendum, the Monarchist source said.

In a speech two months ago, Juan Carlos told the Cortes that the Realm — his board of advisers — that he would take exactly that road in a national crisis.

If the Cortes balked at the reform bills, the source said, the King would ask the people in a referendum to approve of his instituting democratic reforms by way of a royal decree.

The 38-year-old King, successor to the late Generalissimo Francisco Franco, has become increasingly active in the cause of reform. He has met with leaders of the democratic opposition, and the news

magazine "Guadiana" yesterday featured him on its cover with a headline saying he has "broken the Francoist ring" surrounding him.

In the past days, Franco faithful mounted a two-pronged attack against the reform programme.

In an open challenge to the government, and without awaiting the required permission, they called a mass rally in central Madrid for May 20 — six months to the day after Franco's death — to affirm their loyalty to the Caudillo and protest political liberalization. And, in a harshly worded letter to Premier Carlos Arias Navarro, 126 members of parliament, among them seven retired generals and several ex-ministers, blasted the reform programme. They accused the government of not enforcing Franco's laws and warned that the King must stay out of politics.

The Communist Party yesterday charged that police in Spain continue to torture political prisoners as they did under Franco. In a communique, the Party said Spain's economic, social and political situation had undergone "deep deterioration" since Franco's death. It denounced the government reforms as "repressive."

The Party said a binding pact with the political opposition that didn't include the Communists was impossible. (AP, UPI)

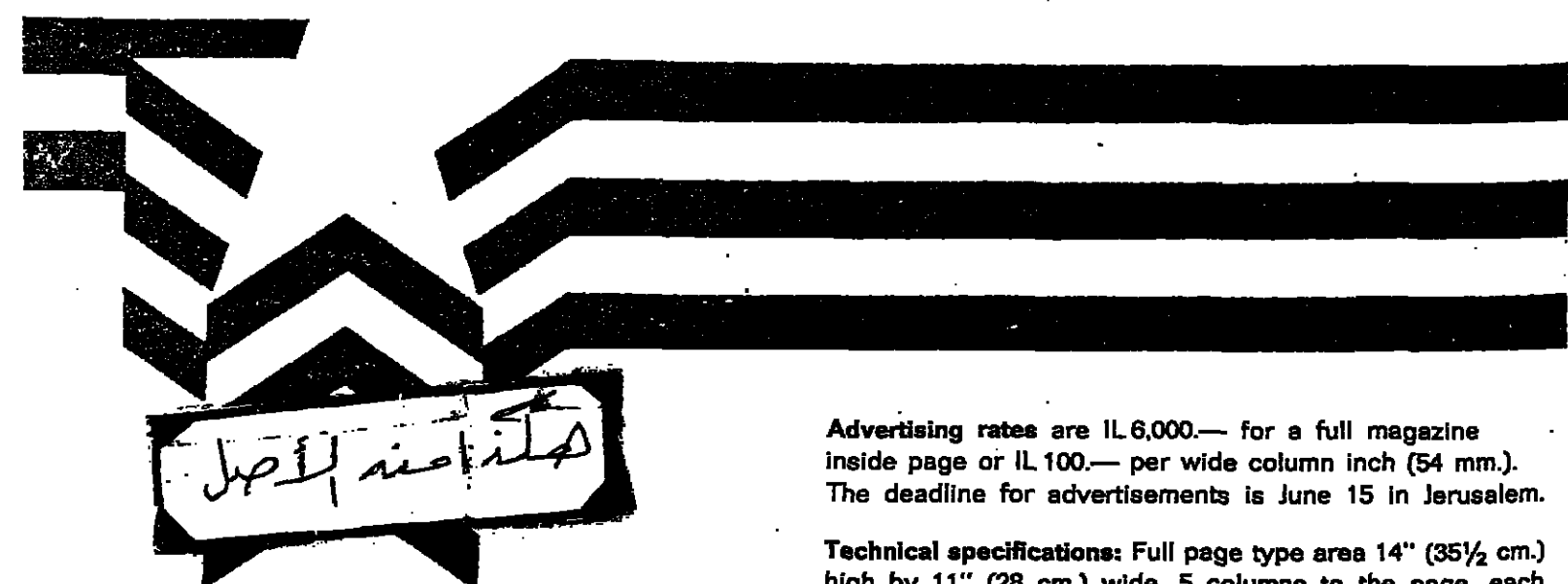
Sadat supports PLO at Brussels

BRUSSELS. — Fighting will continue in the Middle East until Israel recognizes the "rights" of the Palestinian people, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said yesterday in a message to the opening session of an International Symposium on the Palestine Question in Brussels.

"Egypt endeavours to give its full support to the PLO as the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people," Sadat's message said.

The symposium gathered jurists, university professors and political leaders from a number of Arab and Western countries, including Belgium, France, Britain, the Netherlands, West Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Canada and the U.S. (UPI)

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Russia says UN was right to call Zionism racism

UNITED NATIONS. — The Soviet Union declared before the Security Council Wednesday that the UN was "correct" in branding Zionism a form of racism.

"By what right do you claim to speak for all the Jews in the world?" Ambassador Yacov Malik asked Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog, who sat across a horseshoe table.

"This is a typical racist attitude," the Soviet envoy snapped. He spoke after Herzog accused him of engaging in "unwarranted distortions" during the current Council debate on Israeli activities in the administered territories.

The Soviet Union, along with Algeria and other hardline Arab countries, has been trying to revive the Zionism issue, which overshadowed the 30th General Assembly last year. Ambassador Mowaffak Akl of

Syria alleged that "thousands of Jews were tortured and abused in the hands" of Herzog while the Israeli diplomat served as the military governor of the West Bank shortly after the 1967 war.

"How could the people who have suffered so much repeat the same crimes?" Akl asked.

Ambassador A. Asmet, Abdel Maguid of Egypt also accused Israel of pursuing a policy of "Nazi practices in the occupied areas."

Herzog, without replying to the charges, called for negotiations between Israel and the Arab countries "instead of maligning each other across the table in this purposeless manner."

The Council adjourned until 11:00 p.m. when a draft resolution expected to be introduced. (A)

Posters attack Chinese general

PEKING. — China's top general, Chen Hsi-lin, a key figure in the political hierarchy, has come under attack in wallposters in the northeastern city of Shenyang, foreign sources reported yesterday.

They said the posters linked Chen with Teng Hsiao-ping, the former vice-premier, who was branded a right-wing "capitalist road" and dismissed from office last month.

One poster claimed Chen was a member of Teng's "group" — a serious charge in the current political climate.

Chen, 63, is the only army officer among Peking's many vice-premiers. He is the Peking region's military chief and was a close associate of the late Premier Chou En-lai. He is reputed to be a moderate.

The Yugoslav news agency said yesterday that China has told the Soviet Union it has closed the Chinese Embassy in Peking last month. Two Chinese guards and the alleged saboteur were killed in the blast.

China conveyed the message to the Soviet Union on Wednesday in reply to Moscow's protest of the incident and its demand that the guilty parties be caught and punished. News agency Tanjug said.

"The explosion was a deliberate act of sabotage of a counter-revolutionary who himself was killed in the spot," a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman told newsmen. He said since the alleged saboteur died in the explosion "there is no need to be called to account and punished." (Reuter, UPI)

Mathias blames misunderstanding

Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. — Senator Charles Mathias has said that his "misunderstanding" with the Israeli Government over its refusal to permit him to visit Palestinian refugee camps in the Gaza Strip has been resolved following talks with Ambassador Simcha Dinitz.

He said he had arranged with Dinitz, before his trip to Israel, permission to visit the camps without official escorts. He was barred from doing this, however, by Israeli officials who apparently had not been informed of his understanding with Dinitz.

Mathias also expressed "shock and disappointment" at the upsurge of protest caused by his visit in Beirut with PLO leader Yassir Arafat. "I have unapologetically stated my commitment to Israel," he said, arguing that Arafat has come a "fact to be dealt with" in the meeting with him was necessary to better understand the problem.

Mathias, a member of the important Senate Foreign Operations Committee which appropriates funds for foreign aid, said further talks with Arafat were necessary to better understand the problem. He said he was now in "greater contact" than at any previous time and pledged his continuing support for large scale foreign assistance to Israel.

Rumanian tennis pro opts for U.S.

OMAHA, Nebraska. — Rumanian tennis pro Toma Ovici said Wednesday he will seek political asylum in the U.S. and begin teaching at an Omaha tennis club.

Ovici, 27, said he and his wife decided about two weeks ago not to return to Rumania.

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AUCTION

THE FIFTH PAGE

ON FRIDAY NIGHT'S magazine, Yoram Rosen purported to be explaining Jimmy Carter's success, but I'm afraid he did a very superficial job. I was expecting to be told something about the real Jimmy Carter, the man behind the smile.

Professor Irwin Blacker, a visiting American expert on TV and film, has told me that Carter was a star pupil at Annapolis, a physicist, and a close friend of Admiral Rikover, who produced the first nuclear submarine.

According to Blacker, this makes Carter a very bright man indeed; he added that in American politics nobody since the days of Camelot likes to appear to be an intellectual.

George McGovern, he pointed out, suppressed the fact that he was really Dr. McGovern, with real academic qualifications. In the result, being plain George didn't help him much against tricky Dicky, so perhaps he should have admitted the truth.

None of this emerged from Yoram Rosen's piece; he seemed to have done no investigative work at all on Carter's background, and made little effort to explain his unexpected popularity. Instead, he concentrated on snide remarks on Carter's smile.

Well, he has something at that smile does seem to be rather mechanical, as he said. On the other hand, how marvellous it is to see a politician who can smile, as compared to the grim, sombre faces that our own politicians present to us.

We see face after face of leaders who look as if they have just been advised that they are suffering from some incurable disease, or have lost their pension rights, or have had the winning Sportoto ticket chewed up by the baby.

THERE WAS a time when our politicians were capable of smiles

A WORD TO POLITICIANS

TELEVISION / PHILIP GILLON

and jokes of a sort. Levi Eshkol would produce a Yiddish jest, Abba Eban a donnish one, Moshe Dayan a rather grim crack, Golda a sardonic reference to her opponents. Shimon Peres used to have a very pretty sense of humour, but he has suppressed it now for years. Since the Yom Kippur War, humour is no longer kosher.

We saw our politicians coming out of the Cabinet meeting on Gush Emmimim, one after the other, all vying in their efforts to look as if they had just seen "The Exorcist."

No wonder we are down in the mouth, with leaders so grim. Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu made the best speech I have heard in two-and-a-half years when he said on Independence Day that it's high time we lifted our heads again. So I would certainly vote for Jimmy Carter's smile if I had a chance.



Knesset Speaker Yeshayahu

But that smile is not the real explanation of his success, and of Reagan's. More than ever I am convinced that it is entirely due to television, and the need to change the programmes. However much I love Kojak, if I saw him night after night, I would vote for the return of Steve. In the old days of radio and newspapers, a voter could listen to a Churchill or a Smuts, or read him year in year out — but TV means we have to look at the man, even invite him into our house as a perpetual guest. No house guest, however welcome in the beginning, can stand being the man who came to dinner, and stayed, and stayed and stayed. I give my advice gratuitously to all Israeli politicians — start smiling, and take care to appear on the screen only once a week. Alternatively, they should keep changing their faces — put on a false beard one week, a moustache the next, have plastic surgery, insert pads in their cheeks, do what Micha Asherov did the other day — act 14 different parts.

MAYBE I am becoming more than a little paranoid, but it seemed to me that Television House introduced the new Kenneth Clark series just to discipline me for climbing my colour hobby-horse. Otherwise, how can we

explain their showing us films of paintings, the entire essence of which is in the colour, while Clark lovingly tells us to look at the exquisite ivory of the skin, the shadows on the shoulder, etc., etc., etc. The programme even began with a taunt: they should at least have cut out "In Colour" from the titles.

The Graham Greene series goes merrily along, with two very funny shows this week: one about the musical belly-rumbles, and the other about the spurned mistress who ruins her lover's marriage by very, very, very tactful intrusions in the spirit, although not of the flesh.

Our Arabic programmes on Sunday had a couple of very good things: Lassie, and a documentary on Byzantium. I hope that the example set by the heroine of "Lassie" will not induce Arab youths to go off picking wild flowers.

In the Byzantium film, we saw a mighty edifice, built on top of an 8,000 year old, in seven years. In modern Israel, it would take seven years to get a permit to build an out-house — and then it would be pulled down by the inspectors for some infringement or other.

Susan Hampshire — Fleur and Glenora — is now Marlborough's wife in "The Churchills" in Jordan on Wednesdays at 8.30.

Lingering on Jordan on Tuesday for the end of "Good Heavens," a very pleasant comedy series, delayed my turning on "That's My Secret" for a few moments. To my amazement, Shmuel Shal was occupying Uri Zohar's podium. He had already explained, no doubt, why he was doing so, but might have repeated the explanation for us latecomers. He acted Uri very well.

Yaron London as Yaron Zaslani of Hasamba fame was a great item. The acupuncturist raised my estimate of normal medicine.

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IT OCCURS TO ME / HADASSAH BAT HAIM

AFTER MANY months of service, it has become obvious that my guard duties, in spite of my objections, will remain beside the telephone. In vain have I repeatedly requested transfer to some other branch of Civil Defence where it will not matter if, during an emergency, my vocal chords refuse to produce anything but my native tongue.

Anyway, I am no good at giving orders. To be effective, organisers should have come by my house, and after all these years of being browbeaten by my children, I wouldn't stand a chance. Various commanders assure me kindly that I will be all right and that they don't need anyone at present to wash dishes or count packets of biscuits in a quiet corner.

Gradually, as my tours of duty pass without incident, I become less impatient and use the time to catch up with my correspondence. Occasionally I have the 2-3 p.m. period, when I often fall asleep with my head on the desk. No doubt I would get shot for this in a stricter fraternity; but as everyone else is sleeping, too, no-one has reported me so far.

Struggling at these times to keep my eyes open, I soothe my conscience with the reminder that those who are most likely to disturb the peace are also brought up in the tradition of a post-prandial nap.

IN SPITE OF the welcome absence of excitement, time does not hang heavy. People drop in and chat awhile, take a look around, brew coffee and rummage in the cupboards. It is not clear whether they are on duty or not, and it seems a bit presumptuous to ask. Still, I reckon nobody would come to this underground dump for fun, so presumably somebody sent them here just as they sent me.

Now and again I have to deal with complaints. One man brandishes an invitation in my face and asks me how I can expect him to go on patrol from three to six in the morning when he is on the night shift at work. Someone else says he is not going out again with Shmuel, because he sings all the time and it gets on his nerves.

To these, as to all inquiries such as where is the key to the kitchen and are the lists not ready, I have a standard reply: it is not my department. That is the answer I get to all my inquiries and complaints when I take them to the authorities, so there is some satisfaction in giving it instead of receiving it.

PORTION OF THE WEEK

Backsliding children

Sidon: Behar (Leviticus 25:1-26:2) — "OBSERVE MY STATUTES, and the Land shall not be sold in perpetuity" (Leviticus 25:18, 23) — The Blessed Holy One said to them: Just as I sold My people and I returned and took them back to Me, as said (Jeremiah 31:14): "Come back to Me, backsliding children, says God, for I am patient with you" and (Isaiah 52:3): "God says: You were sold but not for money, and without payment you will be ransomed," so will the Land not be sold outright. I chose out of all the lands to sanctify. The Blessed Holy One said: When the Redemption year comes, I will redeem you, as said (Isaiah 63:4): "For I have resolved on a day of vengeance, and the year for redeeming My own is coming" (Tanhuma, Behar, 4, Baber edition).

"A GOD your God who took you out of the land of Egypt to give you the land of Canaan, to be your God" (Leviticus 25:38) — The Sages taught: Let a person live in Eretz Yisrael, even in a town where the majority is not Jewish, rather than live outside the Land, even in a town whose majority is Jewish. For he who lives outside Eretz Yisrael is as though Godless and idolatrous (Ketubot 110b).

YALKUT SHIMONI comments on tomorrow's Haftara (Jeremiah 32:6-27): People fall into the holes they dig for others; people meet their downfall in the schemes they devise for others.

IN PIKKEI AVOT, which Jews study tomorrow afternoon, we read: Rabbi Eliezer ben Yosai says: Watch every good act you perform, you acquire an advocate; with every wrong act you do, you acquire a prosecutor. M.K.

MUSIC / YOHANAN BOEHM

THE IPO'S MAGIC FLUTE

Mozart: "The Magic Flute," presented by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Albert Lechner conducting, with Luigi Alva (Tamino); Lucy Paeck (Pamina); Rafael Arie (Sarastro); May Benda (Queen of the Night); Michael Schepfer (Papageno); Sylvia Greenberg (Papagena); Menasse Hadjes (Monostatos); Hans Michaelson (First Lady); Beata Barak (First Boy); Bibiana Goldenthal (Second Lady and Second Boy); Mera Zakai (Third Lady and Third Boy); Willy Haparnas (Speaker); "Black" Haparnas (Chorus, Priests, etc.); Narrator: Uly Sedivy. Directed by Leonard Schach; Designed and Lighted by Aron Adar (Stylized Hasemah, Jerusalem-May 12).



OPERA presentations by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra have always been highlights of the season in whatever form they have been given. They have always brought the best available singers, a dynamic conductor has guaranteed an interesting performance and the music on scene, whenever used, has added effect.

The libretto of "The Magic Flute" is an odd mixture of incompatible elements, saved from absurdity by Mozart's genius. If staged with fairy-tale splendour the opera can make an impression on an unsophisticated audience. But having everybody clad in symbolic black, and wearing amulets looking like identity-discs on their chests does not create any operatic atmosphere. Nor does the headgear worn by the slaves (making them look like Tsimba miners) and the priests (who looked like firemen) — poor Monostatos had to sing through a contraption which was supposed to make him appear black in the face. The back-drop designs were most helpful, but were fixed in so slipshod a manner that the slides annoyed more than they helped to create an illusion. The narration was completely superfluous, as anyone unfamiliar with the story could have read all about it in the synopsis given in the programme.

However there was much fine singing, first and foremost by Lucy

Peacock (Pamina), who is an excellent soprano — a good musician, and has a nice personality. Miss Benda did well in the very difficult role of Queen of the Night, and sang her breathtaking *fortissimo* with clear and satisfying clarity and crispness. All the other women — commendably all Israelis — sang their parts with charm and dedication and played their roles very well indeed. As for the men, Luigi Alva was a most disappointing Tamino; his voice is strained, his acting nonexistent. Michael Schepfer characterised his birdcatcher in all its liveliness, and his sonorous baritone made his appearance a positive experience. Rafael Arie is not the type for Sarastro; his voice lacks profundity, his style of singing is too aggressive, his posture not convincing as high priest, his low notes hardly audible. Menasse Hadjes and Willy Haparnas were acceptable in their various small roles. The choir sang satisfactorily, though the men's acting was not much above an amateur pantomime.

Alberto Zedda conducted with great enthusiasm, although it was more accompaniment than direction

that he brought to the proceedings. The Orchestra played a clean and precise role throughout the evening. With so much talent and so much energy and goodwill, it was a pity that the overall effect was not one of excitement or enthusiasm that might have been expected.

Record

Mozart: "The Magic Flute" — a re-release of the 1964 recording, with Otto Klemperer conducting, and a distinguished though not completely satisfying cast: Nicolai Gedda (Tamino-excellent), Gundula Janowitz (Pamina-excellent), Walter Berry (Papageno-very good), Ruth Margret Puets (Papagena-very good); Gottlob Frick (Sarastro — most disappointing), Lucia Popp (Queen of the Night — brings out her coloraturas well, but on the whole not very impressive), Gerhard Unger (Monostatos — poor), Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, Christa Ludwig and Marga Hochtgen (the Three Ladies — very good), and Agnes Giebel, Anna Reynolds and Josephine Veasey (the Three Boys — equally good), Franz Crass (as the Speaker satisfactory); the Philharmonia Choir and Chorus, of course, very good (EMI SLS 912; 3 records album, released through CBS, Israel).

As our present local production of the "Magic Flute" shows, it is apparently nearly impossible to assemble a completely satisfying cast. Klemperer conducts a leisurely moving performance but achieves his effects nevertheless. Though sound is a bit antiquated, it is still a good and worthwhile recording. The connecting pattern is, of course, omitted, but the enclosed programme booklet contains all stage directions and the complete text — both in German and in English — so that the listener can follow the proceedings on the (imaginary) stage.

STAMP COLUMN / HARVEY D. WOLINETZ

12,000 saw the show in Netanya

THE "NETANYA 76" National Stamp Exhibition, which ran from April 25th through May 2nd, drew over 12,000 visitors. The prizes, medals and certificates were given out at a special awards ceremony held at the Ron Auditorium on May 6th.

Top awards went to Tavi Weingarten for his display of the first German stamp issues, and to Dr. Emanuel Eylan for his study of Red Cross stamp issues. A special gold medal was presented to the Mayor of Netanya, Dr. Bar-Menachem, for the city's help in organizing the exhibition.

Another award was presented to the philatelic services for its participation in the event. Although it did not set up a philatelic exhibit (so as not to detract from the exhibits entered by collectors), it did mount an interesting display showing how the "Netanya 76" souvenir sheet was produced. The display showed photographs of the sheet being designed and printed, as well as examples of the sheet at various stages of production.

In the non-competitive honour class, Dr. Emanuel Eylan also presented an outstanding, in-depth

collection which traced the history of medicine from ancient times through the 20th century. The stamps pictured physicians, nurses, plagues, non-physicians who influenced medicine and articles named after medical personalities, such as boats and plants. Included, of course, were Rabbi Moses ben Maimon (Maimonides), whose portrait appears on stamps of Israel, Grenada and Spain, and Waldemar Haffkine, whose portrait is on an Indian stamp. Maimonides was a physician to the Spanish court, and Haffkine was a Jewish doctor and pioneer bacteriologist in India who introduced cholera vaccinations.

The Israel and Judaica category saw collections depicting cancellations from the former and mandate period, a history of postal service in the Muslim and Netanya. Zionist congress covers and postmarks, concentration camp mail, Israeli stamps and errors, and General Judaica.

A number of frames in the general category were devoted to Dutch issues, classic Swedish and Hungarian stamps and Japanese sports. First flights during the Mandate period and Zeppelin covers com-

tributed to the interest of the air mail category. A silvered bronze medal was won in the miscellaneous group by Zvi Berest, for his collection of covers showing United Nations peacekeeping forces around the world.

Finally, in the youth category, there were some very nice frames showing the world of children and a categorization of Israel's stamps according to the books of the Bible.

The Philatelic Services further cooperated with the event by issuing special pictorial slogan cancellations for each day of the exhibit. These cancellations, applied only to envelopes and stamps at the exhibition's special philatelic counter, included:

April 25th — Opening day cancellation
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April 28th — "Twin Cities — Netanya-Nice"
April 29th — "Netanya, Collectors Day"
April 30th — "Netanya, Summer Vacation and Boating City"
May 2nd — A closing day cancellation.

A narrow view of the great, wide world

RADIO / MARSHA POMERANTZ

SUN AND RAIN know no political boundaries, but that was hard to tell on Army Radio's *Omrim yeshna eretz* ("They Say There's a Land") on Sunday at 9.04 p.m. The broadcast, edited and presented by Mordechai Naor, was devoted to the seasons — spring in particular — in Israel.

Before we heard anything at all, we were subjected to two songs by the Gashtina, who went on about lovers in summer and winter, and fruit ripening. Two perfectly good subjects, but they didn't do them justice.

There was some confusion about whether spring and fall were local products or imports from Europe. Asaria Alon, head of the Nature Protection Society, said only summer and winter appeared in the Bible. After his comments, the broadcast switched back to Naor, who said four seasons do have a reference in the Bible.

One way or another, the existence of spring was confirmed. We then heard a bit about the counting of the Omer between Pesach and Shavuot, and the gestation periods of local animals in this season of proliferation. Not a bad mixture of loosely-connected topics.

Except for a Russian story about love of a Beduin girl (Ivan Bumin's "Spring in Judea") there was no mention of the neighbours whose desert winds Israel shares. And the last song was introduced with "Despite the fact that it comes from abroad, it is now one of ours." The atmosphere was insular: the talk seemed to assume that spring stopped at the borders of Israel and started again in far-off Europe. I wondered how migrating birds saw things.

THE NARROW VIEW also characterized a tour of the Christian Quarter with Dr. Ephraim Ben-Eliyahu on Army Radio's *Moshot be'aretz* ("Touring the Land") the same night at 11.05. We heard the Friday afternoon procession along the Stations of the Cross, but there were indications that the speaker took the subject rather lightly. At one point he said it was mostly Franciscans "who carry out this business," and he seemed sure that the young Arabs who celebrated mass in Latin "didn't understand a word."

He pointed out some of the tension between Moslems in the Moslem Quarter, where the procession begins, and Christians taking part in it. Moslems tended to make themselves heard just at the time of the procession, he said. Donkeys happened to get in the way, garbage happened to be put out, radios to be turned up.

In a more subtle way, the radio programme itself intruded Israeli

culture into the procession. We were at the Omriya School, where the procession starts. Suddenly, spliced into the beginning of the chant was a Hebrew song about Jerusalem rebuilt. Following a few words about a compromise between Christians and Jews of the Turat Haim Yeshiva was Yehoram Gaon singing about peace for Jerusalem.

Broadcast programmes about Christians are rare enough in Israel. Once we do have one, and one of interest, is it so difficult to make it all about Christians? As the narrator pointed out, many communities were represented that Friday afternoon — including Japanese, Norwegians, and Greeks. Why not have more of their own chant, their own music? We seem sometimes to be in a state of cultural siege, eyeing other peoples through narrow bow-windows, every impression framed by our own stone wall.

SANDWICED between the two Army Radio programmes, on the Second Programme at 10.05 p.m. was Nathan Shilo's *Sippurishi* ("Personal Story") an interview with a cosmopolitan character named Yuri Miloslavsky. A native of Tashkent, he studied in France, went to Cairo in 1938 to teach French literature for a few years — and stayed nearly 30. He taught for about eight years, and meanwhile restored a Mameluke palace — Dar el-Funoun (House of the Arts) which had been overrun by squatters. What the palace was actually like, and what happened to the beggars he found there, were questions left unanswered. Miloslavsky's Hebrew was rickety, and it was his descriptions that suffered most. But his story warranted careful listening.

The government "borrowed" his palace for official receptions — and Miloslavsky the Jew became a sort of chief of protocol in Egypt, entertaining visitors from Nelson Rockefeller to Jean-Paul Sartre. He collected and catalogued antiquities and tolerated the secret police's snooping until the Six-Day War.

In 1967, he was arrested as a spy, tortured and interrogated. He was released from prison, corralled in a detention camp with the other remaining Jews in Egypt, released through the intervention of his friend the French ambassador, jailed for three more months, and let out of the country with the clothes on his back and five dollars in his pocket.

Eventually he found his way to Israel, to continue his work with antiquities.

"Until something drastic happens, Jews don't know their place in Israel," Shilo suggested. Miloslavsky grunted agreeably, but it was clear that his place was where life was livable and exciting. Despite what he had been through, he was a bit like the sun and the rain.

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There were several things wrong with that decision, which Israel opposed but which the Arabs resolutely pushed through employing their standard tactics of persuasion. Although it was phrased in seemingly innocuous terms, the decision amounted to a clear-cut vote of no-confidence in Israel's own reporting on the public health conditions in the territories occupied in the Six Day War — which, needless to say, was the only object of the intended investigation.

While the WHO Assembly professed particular concern for the health of all peoples "who suffer from exceptional circumstances such as military occupation," there was no precedent for a similar inquiry having been proposed for any other area against the wishes of the responsible authorities — certainly not in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip during their long period of occupation by Jordan and Egypt.

Israel's refusal to cooperate in implementing that resolution was reinforced by the eventual choice of the three states to be represented on the investigating panel. Only one of these, Rumania, had diplomatic relations with this country; another one, Senegal, severed relations later that year, while the third, Indonesia, had never considered Israel a candidate for normal ties. Though made up of three medical doctors, the committee held out little promise of fair and balanced reporting.

Following repeated pleas by the WHO, however, the Government earlier this year decided to allow the committee members to carry out their assignments in the territories in their individual capacities. Their report has just come out in Geneva; and it is a body blow to the Arab politicians who instigated it. Acting themselves as experts and not as politicians, the committee members reported that they found health services in the territories to have distinctly improved since 1967, which is simply another way of saying that the West Bank and the Gaza Strip are now healthier than ever before. The committee do find a few small bones to pick with the Israeli administration, but in essence their findings are as clean a bill of health for Israel as could be expected.

There is one remark of a somewhat political nature in the committee's report. The people in the territories, it says, "are living under abnormal, and necessarily trying conditions," and "this state of affairs cannot possibly guarantee the possession of that state of complete physical, mental and social health to which every people and every individual can legitimately aspire."

The observation is in order, but it may well be asked how many nations around the world, even those which lead peaceful lives, can currently guarantee their citizens "complete physical, mental and social health." Upon reflection, perhaps we should be grateful to the committee for having judged Israel — a prime victim of the Arab warfare which also afflicts the people in the territories — by so high a standard.

Certainly Arab politicians have little to thank the committee for. Reeling under the impact of the unexpected boomerang, they have already proposed to write the report off on the specious ground that the members of the committee did not visit the areas in their official capacities, and that East Jerusalem was excluded from their examination.

The WHO Assembly is now in session again in Geneva. By adopting the report of its own committee it can prove that, unlike some other UN agencies, WHO is an instrument for carrying out Charter ideals and not a handmaiden of the Arab League.

VIEWPOINT

'PALESTINE' OR 'ERETZ YISRAEL'?

"SO LONG AS WE ourselves do not concede, things aren't lost for us yet. And the danger of such concession lurks. Land that we do not settle is land which, in the bottom of our hearts, we are abandoning. The Ephraim Mountains don't mean as much to us as the Jezreel Valley... But is it enough for us to love the Eretz Yisrael in which we are present while excluding from this love the Eretz Yisrael in which we are not present? Let us not deplete the life-giving essence of things; we will have need of it yet."

The writer of these words was the widely revered spiritual father of the Zionist Socialist movement, Berl Katznelson, who died a few years before the State came into being. (They appear in an essay, "Al Darkay Medinutenu," in volume 12 of Katznelson's collected "Ketavim.")

Spoken and written during the pre-State debates within the Zionist Socialist movement, and between that movement and others over the pressing questions of the day — Zionist settlement policy, the socio-economic nature of the new Jewish society being built in Eretz Yisrael, partition, the education of the youth — these words are, unfortunately and ironically, even more appropriate today. I don't know of any other society or body politic, today or in the past, as self-taught as ours over its sovereign presence in its homeland and over its success in maintaining and enlarging that presence in the face of repeated attempts by its enemies to destroy it. I will not here go into the political aspects of Berl Katznelson's words and their background in his time or their ramifications in ours, but only treat some of the semantic aspects.

IF YOU QUESTION the importance of semantics in life generally and in political struggles particularly, consider the name of Yasser Arafat's maverick organization. Its full name in English is Palestine Liberation Movement. The Arabic equivalent is *Harakat Tahrik Falastin*. The acronym of this, *Hataf*, means "natural death" — hardly a name for a group of people who don't wish to die in any manner and certainly don't wish their enemies to die a natural death. Reverse that acronym, however, and you have a word meaning "victory" — namely: *Fatah*.

This leads me to the name of the historic Jewish homeland, Eretz Yisrael, of which the State of Israel is only a small part. The name first appears in I Samuel 13:19, although we find "the land of the Children of Israel" in Joshua 11:22, where it also covers such Philistine places as Gaza, Gath and Ashdod. The name "Palestine" — "Pleshet" or "Philistia" — appears a few times in the Bible and in early Greek and Latin writings, but refers specifically to the coastal area settled by the Philistine invaders from the Greek islands. The Greeks, who evidently knew Syria but not Eretz Yisrael, referred to the latter as *Syria Palaestina* — i.e. "Philistine Syria."

The Roman Emperor Hadrian made "Palestine" the official name of the country when, after mercilessly suppressing the Bar-Kochba Revolt in 135 C.E., he decided to erase every connection between Eretz Yisrael and the Jewish People. He razed Jewish Jerusalem and built on its ruins a pagan city which he named Aelia Capitolina, and divided the country into three *Palaestinae*: *Palaestina Prima* (the centre, including Judea and Samaria); *Palaestina Secunda* (Galilee, Gilead, and Golan); and *Palaestina Tertia* (the Negev and Transjordan).

Historically, this land has always been "Eretz Yisrael." By conceding the validity of "Palestine," writes MOSHE KOHN, we hand our enemies a semantic victory — as we do when we speak of "conquered" or "occupied" territories.

Ever since, Europeans and those following their lead have continued to refer to Eretz Yisrael as a whole loosely as "Palestine." This, even though after the Arab conquest, under the Moslem caliphates, this name applied only to *Jund Falastin* — the "Military District of Palestine" — an area running from a line southwest of Gaza and the Dead Sea on the south till an erratic line south of Acre and north of Shechem (Nablus) and Amman on the north.

THEREAFTER, the country's various invading conquerors were constantly breaking it up into various networks of administrative districts which they were constantly renaming. And after the Roman period "Palestine" was never the country's official name until the League of Nations created the "Palestine Mandate" after World War I. And there never was any "Palestine-consciousness" or "Palestinian entity" except in the minds and usage of those who, like the Romans 1,840 years ago, wanted to erase the connection between Eretz Yisrael and the Jews.

Jews, too, started speaking about "Palestine," this was an unfortunate semantic concession to our enemies. "Palestine" was erased from the geo-political map when the Arabs nullified the U.N. partition resolution of November 29, 1947 by rejecting it; by not establishing their "Palestine State" in that part of Mandatory Palestine assigned to them by the U.N. decision; by invading the newborn State of Israel; and by Transjordan's annexation in 1949 of Judea and Samaria (recognized only by Pakistan and Britain, while their annexation of eastern Jerusalem was recognized only by Pakistan) and renaming it "the West Bank" instead of setting up a "Palestinian State" there.

Therefore, there is no reason for Jews to continue handing their enemies a semantic victory by continuing to concede the validity of "Palestine" — certainly not after Abdullah illegally seized the "West Bank" in the first place and did not set up a Palestine State there, and after his grandson Hussein lost the area to us in a war of aggression begun by him and his allies. This land is historically Eretz Yisrael. If in some peace settlement (which the Arabs are not yet offering), the Jewish People through the Israel Government, decides to cede part of Eretz Yisrael to some Arab group that decides to establish there a state called "Palestine," I, too, will gladly speak of "Palestinians" and speak to them and visit them with a "Palestine" visa stamped in my Israel passport, and welcome them when they come to visit me with an Israel visa stamped in their "Palestine" passports.

ACCORDINGLY, I do not consider it sinful to speak of our relinquishing parts of Eretz Yisrael. But we are again granting our enemies seman-

tic victories when we, too, speak of "conquered" or "occupied" territories which we are (or are not) going to "give back." "Give back" to which "rightful owner"?

First of all, whatever international law may say about it (to us, of course, and not, for example, to post-World War II Russia, and not even to China or India), the territories that Jordan, Syria and Egypt lost to us in 1967 and 1973 by no stretch of the imagination belong in the category of the territories seized, say, by Hitler's Germany or Mussolini's Italy. Judea, Samaria, the Gaza Strip, Sinai and Golan belong, at the very least, in the category of areas that, say, Russia took from Germany after World War II.

Secondly, with the possible exception of parts of Sinai and Golan, the areas that we have "conquered" and "occupied" were always part of historic Eretz Yisrael, and most of them became "Arab lands" only as a result of imperialistic schemings during and after World War I or as a result of Arab aggression in 1948.

It is to the credit of the Eshkol Government that, after the Six Day War, it had enough semantic-consciousness, combined with some appreciation of the "life-giving essence" that Katznelson spoke of, to adopt the official designation of "Administered Areas" for the "conquered territories," and to officially restore to parts of the Administered Areas their historic names, Judea and Samaria. (To be sure, some of us may regret that they did not go further and refer at least to these as "liberated areas" and re-instate Jewish sovereignty there — as we did in eastern Jerusalem.)

Jews who communicate in languages other than Hebrew have made another semantic concession, another (to use Berl Katznelson's words) depletion of the life-giving essence. One of the unique aspects of the Hebrew language and of the historic Jewish affinity to Eretz Yisrael is that we speak of the homecoming of Jews to the country not as "immigration" but as "aliya" — "upgoing," and of those Jews not as "immigrants" but as "olim" — "upgoers."

However, non-Hebrew-speakers have become accustomed to using "immigration" and "immigrants" rather than "aliya" or "olim" and their derivatives. It is argued that most non-Hebrew-speakers cannot be assumed to know the meaning of all the Hebrew terms that, in Israel, have become part of everybody's daily parlance; not in any case, as they may by now be assumed to know the meaning of "kibbutz," "moshav," "Histadrut," "kupat holim," etc. But why may we assume the latter? Only because decades ago people speaking and writing in English, French, etc., were not afraid to use these terms — at first, perhaps, parenthetically explaining them, then using them on their own, without explanation, taking it for granted that they had become as much a part of the international glossary as "goniff," "kasher," and "chutzpah."

Let us do the same for "aliya" and "olim." For aliya is the return of Jews to their homeland and not the "immigration" of Jews to French Canada, of Puritans to Indian America, of Spaniards to Aztec Mexico, of Dutch to South Africa, English to Rhodesia, or Arabs to South America. And olim are Jews returning to their homeland and not "immigrants" coming to a foreign land and settling in as "emigres" in an alien society and culture. They are the People of Israel returning to Eretz Yisrael, which, as a people, they never left.

Dry Bones



READERS' LETTERS

BETTER BUILDING FOR THE RICH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — It was indeed interesting to read of the wonderful designs and standard of construction of housing here in Israel. I refer to the article, "Save cash — build your own house" (April 18).

It does surprise me that the same standards do not apply as regards government housing schemes — e.g. those of big concerns like Shikun V'Pituah and their construction engineers. Social Sionism, who are world renowned.

My family and I were forced by circumstances to live first in a block of Shikun V'Pituah flats while waiting for our villa (also of the same firm) to be completed. In both cases, we have had to experience faulty windows and window catches, doors that do not fit and allow rain and sand to enter the house, shutters and locks that were broken before we even took possession, a leaking outlet pipe that has given trouble since our arrival eight months ago — the list is endless and complaints are not confined to mine alone, but are general among my neighbours here.

In a socialist state, quality of building should surely be of the same standard for all, and not only confined to the wealthy.

MRS. M. SCHUR

OLD CITY PLAYGROUND

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I was pleased to learn from the article, "Children within walls" (April 16), that the Jewish children living in the Old City of Jerusalem have again chosen the Rothschild Plaza (as it is called today) as their main meeting place and playground.

This was in fact so in earlier days. In the '30s as one of the trustees of the Hekdash Batei Machase, the owners of the entire compound where almost 100 families lived, I frequently visited the area and found children from all over the Jewish Old City playing in the same large courtyard. At that time, trees provided shadow and it was the only open space suitable for such purposes. It is gratifying to see that it is again used in the same way, surely a compliment to the founders of Batei Machase.

MORDECHAI NOY,
Chairman, Hekdash Batei Machase
Ramat Gan.

TRAGEDY AND PUBLICITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — With reference to the considerable publicity given to the unfortunate birth of Siamese twins in Jerusalem, allow me as an Arab to say in training to make a comment.

It seems to me to be wrong to publicize the birth of malformed babies in lay press and television. This tragedy for the parents and for the twins involved, and I cannot see what purpose is served by this publicity. The condition is not preventable, publicity in the lay press and television can only serve to frighten.

The appropriate place to put such cases is in the medical journals. We had a case of Siamese twins alive four months ago, they were after four days, and we were careful to avoid publicity. I think served the public and our best by this action.

OBSTETRIC

(Name and address supplied upon request)

'NEW SCHOOLS' UNDER FIRE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — It is with great sorrow I read in your edition of April 16 the so-called "School for perimert," and that the Education Ministry is taking a favourable attitude in supporting this act brought from the U.S.A.

Don't the gentlemen of the Ministry of Education read American newspapers? The schools in the U.S.A. are tragedies of competence; they are demoralized and college students neither read nor write English properly. They have no discipline, their moral standards are low and they are not responsible to anyone but themselves. These deficiencies were brought about by the so-called experts.

And now I see this pollution reaching into the Land of Israel. I beg the Ministry of Education and the Jewish Agency which supports this project to compare results of the experimental schools in the U.S.A. and that of the Israeli schools in Israel; you will then be playing with the future of your people.

MRS. BEN MAIR
White Plains, N.Y.

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Faith in the U.S.

HA'ARETZ (Independent), commenting on the view attributed to Premier Rabin that "under no circumstances will the U.S. allow Israel to fall, physically," recalls that in 1948, the U.S. imposed an arms embargo on Israel, and threatened to do so in October 1973. "If the government has no more far-seeing policy than to preserve the physical existence of the state, why does it refuse to consider an overall settlement now?"

DAYAR (Histadrut) recalls a recent warning from the Chief-of-Staff against the "optical illusion" that there has been a lessening of terrorist activities, and against any slackening of preventive measures. "The two recent attacks in Jerusalem, and this week's explosion in a Tel Aviv cinema are reminders of the dangers. Particularly as May 15 approaches —

the secular anniversary of Israel's independence. "While the terrorist organizations may be preoccupied with Lebanon at present, they have not changed their policy," the paper warns in a call for an intensification of security precautions.

AL HANAHMAR (Mapam) says that from Israel's viewpoint the efforts at mediation between Syria and Egypt are of particular importance, especially as the interim agreement was one of the main causes of the rift between Cairo and Damascus. Nevertheless, the questions remain whether a rapprochement would lead to escalation or relaxation of the conflict with Israel. The paper hopes the Americans are right to believe that the mediation efforts will have a positive effect, influencing Syria to agree to an extension of the UN mandate on the Golan without posing new conditions.

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K probes Dinitz on Peres-Rabin rift

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The current bickering within the Israeli political leadership — especially the differences between Prime Minister Rabin and Defence Minister Shimon Peres — was discussed during a meeting on Friday at the State Department of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz.

Dinitz, who requested the meeting, had originally wanted to convey formally the Israeli Cabinet's decision on Kaddum, and to explain to Kissinger the thinking behind the decision.

According to informed diplomatic sources, Kissinger, keenly aware of the domestic Israeli explosiveness of this issue, questioned Dinitz whether the Rabin Government would actually go ahead and implement the Cabinet decision and remove the Kaddum settlers. Dinitz assured Kissinger that the Cabinet decision would be implemented within the next few weeks, after tempers calmed down.

As usual, Kissinger was said to have complained about all the various pronouncements being made by Israeli leaders, and the fact that these statements were contradictory. Sources reported that Dinitz let the Secretary know that these were domestic Israeli concerns and not subjects for discussion in Washington.

The subject of Israeli settlements

in the occupied territories was raised and Kissinger once again expressed America's strong opposition. American officials are letting it be known that this sensitive issue could eventually lead to a U.S.-Israeli confrontation unless Israel agrees to end Jewish settlement in the territories.

Kissinger and Dinitz, who were accompanied to the session by Embassy Minister Hanon Baron, Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton and National Security Council official Peter Rodman, reviewed the escalating fighting in Lebanon.

The U.S. is becoming increasingly concerned over the drift of events and the outbreak of fighting between Syrian-backed 'Sa'ka irregulars and leftist Palestinian troops. American officials confirmed yesterday that Syria has increased the number of its forces in Lebanon during the past 48 hours.

Israel, which is slowly watching developments, is said here to have no basic differences of evaluation of the situation in Lebanon with the United States.

An Israeli source here said yesterday that Israel would not intervene in the fighting unless it concluded that its security was endangered.

The Secretary and Dinitz spent a considerable portion of the one-hour meeting discussing the pending foreign aid bill, and they were both said to be in agreement that a

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Pentagon views M.E. arms limit proposals

WASHINGTON. — Senior Pentagon officials are seriously considering a proposal to begin arms limitation talks between Israel and the Arab states, informed American sources revealed yesterday.

The sources said that a letter is currently being circulated among the Joint Chiefs of Staff proposing that the U.S. help establish "Mutual Balance Force Reduction" (MBFR) talks in the Middle East.

The letter, the sources pointed out, is expected to be sent to Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld after the chiefs of staff of the five branches of the American military agree on its wording. The recommendation of the chiefs of staff will be that Rumsfeld forward the proposal to the National Security Council.

The concept behind the arms limitation talks in the Middle East is the same as is behind the MBFR talks currently going on in Europe. The talks in Europe are basically between the NATO allies and the Soviet Union, but little progress has taken place yet.

The Pentagon officials suggesting the MBFR talks in the Middle East are said to believe that the United

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Arabs unable to draft acceptable UN motion

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The Security Council has indefinitely put off its deliberations on Israel's treatment of Arabs in the West Bank following the inability by the Arab delegates to get together and draft an acceptable resolution.

In order to save face, Arab delegates have approached the U.S. and other Council members, seeking suggestions regarding how to extricate themselves from what seems to have turned into a "no win" situation for the Arabs.

Egypt had originally called for the emergency Council session in an effort to upstage Syria and Jordan and to score points with the PLO. All last week, Arab delegates caucused in an attempt to draft language condemning Israel — language that they hoped could avoid an American veto.

But their efforts seemed to have ended in failure and, as a result, the Council on Friday adjourned the debate without voting on any resolution.

Earlier last week, Israel was widely seen as scoring another victory of sorts by the decision of the UN Economic and Social Council to approve a resolution condemning racism, but without any reference to last year's General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism. Israel was gratified by the strong stand against racism, but the UN resolution was taken by black African states.

The next major item of Middle East concern now scheduled for the UN agenda will be the extension of the UNDOF Golan mandate which expires on May 30.

Tank system for Israel under study

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The Hughes Aircraft Company is studying a tank command and control system for the Israeli Defence Ministry, "Aviation Week and Space Technology" reported yesterday.

The system, which is being examined by the ground systems division of Hughes, would employ radio navigator aid like Loran or Tacan by which individual tanks would position themselves accurately and be directed by command authorities.

Hughes has previously developed and delivered an Israeli intercept command and control system, "Aviation Week" said.

PLO-Damascus showdown Assad orders Arafat to come for talks

By ANAN SAFADI
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Syrian President Hafez Assad last night summoned the head of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Yasser Arafat, to Damascus as a showdown loomed between Damascus and the PLO over the situation in Lebanon. It was not clear by late last night whether or when Arafat would go to the Syrian capital.

Assad's demand for immediate talks with Arafat followed the latter's weekend order to all Palestinian elements to stand by in Lebanon to support the anti-Syrian offensive, thus setting the stage for an open confrontation between the PLO and Damascus. Arafat ordered the Syrian-controlled Palestine Liberation Army and other Palestinian elements out of the Lebanese northern city of Tripoli and other areas to stop their confrontation with leftists opposing Syrian intervention in Lebanon.

In a strongly worded memorandum criticizing Syria, Arafat reminded those Palestinian elements that they were subject only to the PLO's leadership.

These developments came as a new cease-fire, the 30th in 13 months of the Lebanese civil war, began yesterday. It was reported to have restored a measure of calm but the situation was still highly inflammable.

Some radical PLO spokesmen yesterday charged that the Syrian leadership was now cooperating with neighbouring "reactionary" Arab elements to press its aim of spreading Damascus-based Ba'athist aspirations in the region. These spokesmen also accused the Syrians of attempting to "liquidate" the PLO forces in Lebanon, as King Hussein did in Jordan in 1970 and 1971.

Syria on its part did not seem yesterday to be deterred by the consolidation of the anti-Damascus lineup between the leftists and the PLO in Lebanon. Despite these challenges, the Syrians continued to maintain tight control on the PLA and the "Sa'ka" Palestinian sabo-

tage organization which were conspicuously patrolling in Tripoli, Beirut and other trouble spots. The PLA units were withdrawn and redeployed to undisclosed new positions at the orders of Damascus, rather than of Arafat.

But the Syrians were yesterday reported to be irritated by the fact that Arafat turned to support from Egypt, which has been opposing Syria's intervention in Lebanon, thus widening the Cairo-Damascus policy rift. Observers last night believed that unless Syria settled its dispute with the PLO at an early date, Arafat's appeal to Cairo could still undermine Saudi Arabia's current efforts to hold a reconciliation summit between Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Syrian President Assad. Egyptian Prime Minister Mamdouh Suleim and his Syrian counterpart Mahmoud Ayoubi are scheduled to meet in Riyadh this week as part of these Saudi Arabian efforts.

Meanwhile, Syria's Information Minister Ahmed Iskander Ahmad said yesterday that his government was determined to achieve a settlement to the Lebanese civil war at an early date, but did not say whether Damascus would put forward new peace formulas. Syria's earlier call to apportion the Lebanese administration equally between Christians and Muslims has been rejected by the leftists who demand the establishment of their own brand of a sectarian state in which the PLO is promised "total independence."

Despite the Lebanese cease-fire, chaos still reigned in most of the country, which lacks adequate security forces and a government but now has two presidents. Head of state Suleiman Frangieh over the weekend indicated that he was in no hurry to step down in favour of President-elect Elias Sarkis before the leftists and the PLO permitted the authorities to adopt a nationwide security policy. A spokesman for Frangieh said in a broadcast that "the stabilization of security is essential for rebuilding the country's political structure."

Mrs. Meir to meet Ford

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Golda Meir, who arrives in Washington this week to be honoured by the AFL-CIO, is scheduled to meet with President Ford at the White House.

Mrs. Meir is also expected to meet with Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller, several Senators and Representatives, both inside and outside of government.

On Thursday evening, she will receive the AFL-CIO's coveted Person of the Year award — including a \$5,000 gift — at a \$40 a plate dinner given by President George Meany. More than 1,000 prominent Washingtonians will attend the affair at the Shoreham Americana Hotel.

Mrs. Meir always one of Israel's most effective spokesmen in the United States, will also be interviewed on national television during her stay.

Conciliatory mood as Labour leaders meet

By SRAJA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An atmosphere of conciliation marked the first meeting on Friday of the special committee set up to discuss the future of the Alignment, with no mention made of the sharp exchange between Prime Minister Rabin and Defence Minister Peres at a meeting the previous day.

At Thursday's meeting of the Labour Party Leadership Bureau Mr. Peres said the Prime Minister had made statements about limiting settlement without the approval of the Cabinet. Labour Party secretary-general Meir Zarmi intervened later to shut short the exchange.

It is understood that the party leaders expect Rabin and Peres to settle their differences without the intervention of any mediators.

On Friday the two men, and Foreign Minister Abba Eban, all spoke in favour of maintaining the Alignment with Mapam. The meeting was attended, on Labour's side, also by Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and Mr. Zarmi. Mrs. Golda Meir, who was expected to attend, was unable to be present.

Mapam was represented by Yakov Hazan, the veteran champion of cooperation with Labour, the party's secretary-general, Meir Talmi, and by Dov Zakai, MK, Naftali Ben Moshe, of the Histadrut, and Health Minister Victor Shemtov for part of the time.

Mapam is expected to suggest to its national convention next month that the issue be postponed until after Labour holds its own national convention at the end of the year. However, the request to break away is still very strong in influential circles in Mapam. Eliezer Ronen, MK, told a radio reporter on Friday that he was certain the Mapam national convention would end the ties with Labour.

Oil traces in Ashdod said good quality

Jerusalem Post Staff and Item

Laboratory tests of oil traces found at Ashdod last week have shown the oil to be of good quality but there is no indication yet as to the amount.

Rafael Golda, managing director of the National Petroleum Company, said the tests carried out by the Ashdod refineries showed the oil was light, with a low sulphur content. The amount of oil and its exploitability will be known only after a series of field tests, which will take several weeks to complete.

While hopes for discovering oil in Israel were rising last week, two European prospecting firms confirmed that they were withdrawing from work in this country because of Arab boycott pressures. One of them already began negotiating the amount of compensation to be paid to the Government, for failing to live up to its contracts for oil drilling. The other firm was to have become involved in off-shore surveys, though it could not be ascertained whether this was to be in the Mediterranean or in the Gulf of Suez.

Zvi Dinstein, the Government's adviser on energy affairs, said on Friday the next four or five years will tell whether or not there is oil in Israel. Dr. Dinstein, speaking at the Engineering Club in Tel Aviv, said this would require a tremendous effort, in cooperation with foreign concerns and purchasing of knowledge from abroad.

The impetus in searching oil, however, should not cause excitement and a great deal of speculation in the Stock Exchange, he said. Even a two or three per cent probability of the existence of oil is sufficient to justify further search — but not enough to cause stock prices to rocket up.

The Government, Dinstein said, has allocated some IL1,250m. for oil prospecting in the next four to five years. Drilling, which was done to a depth of 4.5 km. until now, will go to a depth of six km., at a cost of IL500,000 per drilling day. But Israel has some 15 drilling operations per year, compared to 30 in the U.S. — and this "activity we cannot carry on alone or it would cost more and take us longer."

"We cannot get enough knowledge or technical assistance, because the Arabs pressure the various companies to withhold it from us — and they have much influence in this area. Even friends are reluctant to link up with us because of the Arabs' pressure. It is, therefore, very peculiar that a certain concern's willingness to become involved with us has met with such objections," Dinstein said.

He pointed out it would take several years to develop a producing well even after oil is definitely discovered. It took the British 10 years to develop their North Sea fields. The criticism of Max Fisher, chairman of the Jewish Agency board of governors, as partner in the deal made between Israel and Belco is totally unjustified, Fisher merely owns 1.7 per cent of Belco — and that firm has so far invested \$12m. in dry drilling attempts at the Dead Sea and other spots. But it was also Belco which discovered oil in Peru and put it on the world's petroleum map, Dinstein said.



Little Arab boy spends time with Border Policemen who relax while on duty at Jerusalem's Temple Mount yesterday. (Rahamim Israeli)

Minor incidents mark West Bank protest

POST Arab Affairs Correspondent

An Arab resident of Jenin was shot in the leg yesterday as troops moved in to impose a curfew in the eastern sector of the town at the height of a local demonstration marking the 28th anniversary of the declaration of the State of Israel. The authorities also imposed curfew in the Casba in Nablus to prevent disturbances. The curfews were lifted later in the day.

Small groups of school children hurled rocks and set tyres alight in scattered incidents yesterday on the West Bank and in the Old City of Jerusalem but no major disturbances were reported. After one such incident in the Old City early yesterday morning, life returned to normal. Special security measures were taken.

Pupils in East Jerusalem and in most West Bank towns stayed away from classes yesterday and merchants kept their shops closed in the early part of the day. However, shopkeepers reopened their premises in mid-morning when security forces announced through loudspeakers that shops remaining closed would be forced open. In Nablus and Ramallah, troops forced the padlocks on some shutters, leading several shopkeepers to rush to their premises.

Barricades of stones and tyres were reported to have been set up in various areas. Unlike on previous occasions, no bonfires were set afire in main centres, but tyres were lighted in side streets and in small towns. Among these was Halhul, north of Hebron, where slogans calling for an end to Israel's presence in the West Bank were painted on walls.

The authorities had earlier moved large concentrations of soldiers and crack Border Police forces into several West Bank towns following reports that riots were planned. Some people were put in "preventive detention" when large dumps of rocks and tyres were found prepared for use in rioting. The number of persons detained was not disclosed, but one report said that 30 "activists" were among those held in an attempt to prevent organized demonstrations.

The Gaza Strip was reported quiet yesterday, with all shops and schools open.

In Cairo, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy demanded yesterday that an envoy of UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim be sent to the administered areas to report on the situation there. Fahmy voiced the demand after consultations with the ambassadors of members of the Security Council over recent West Bank events.

Ford campaigners turn away from 'Carter's South'

WASHINGTON. — Senator Richard S. Schweiker has been asked to consider running for Vice-President as part of a shift from a "southern" to a "northern" strategy in President Ford's election campaign, informed sources said on Thursday.

The Pennsylvania Republican was approached within the last two weeks by persons close to the Ford

campaign. These sources would not identify the persons. A spokesman for the White House said no such calls had originated there.

The shift in strategy comes after Jimmy Carter's success in winning Democratic convention delegates, these sources said. Aides to the president are convinced that Carter will be the Democratic nominee and

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Eight hurt in UK race clashes

BIRMINGHAM. — Eight policemen were injured and 23 persons were arrested yesterday as mounted police clashed with some 1,000 leftists demonstrating in support of Britain's race discrimination laws.

The leftists had gathered outside Winslow Green prison about a quarter-mile away from some 200 members of the ultra-rightist National Front which was protesting the arrest of Robert Reft, 51, who

advertised a house for sale to an English family only.

British law forbids discrimination in housing sales.

Authorities had moved Reft to another prison on Friday night.

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Chinese education chief said dead

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Safad	69	11-19	10-21
Tiberias	49	16-28	16-31
Nazareth	41	15-23	14-24
Afula	48	15-26	15-26
Shomron	47	15-23	13-24
Tel Aviv	57	18-23	15-24
B-G Airport	47	15-23	13-23
Jericho	41	17-30	16-32
Gaza	14	14-24	16-26
Beersheba	35	13-26	14-28
Zilut	38	19-32	20-34
Tiran Straits	37	19-32	21-30

Social and Personal

Jewish Agency chairman Yosef Aloni and Haifa Mayor Yeruhim Zeisel were the guest speakers last night at the closing banquet of the 50th annual conference of the Pioneer Women of the U.S., at the Dan Carmel Hotel in Haifa.

Sir Henry Fisher, president of Wolfson College, Oxford University, visited Haifa University on Friday and met with president Eliezer Rafaeli.

The next monthly meeting of the Jerusalem B'nai B'rith Albert Einstein Lodge for English-speaking men and women will take place on Wednesday, May 19, 1976, at the B'nai B'rith Centre, 2-5 Keren Hayesod, Jerusalem, at 7.30 p.m. Following a business meeting, Sol Soraya, vice-president of the Sephardi Council of Jerusalem, will speak on "The Sephardim and Oriental Communities in Israel." Guests are welcome.

IN MEMORIAM

A memorial service was held over the weekend at Bat Yam's Yeshurun Synagogue for Israeli intelligence agent Eli Cohen, marking the 11th anniversary of his hanging by the Syrians in Damascus.

A memorial service to mark the 30th day since the death of former Chief of Staff David Elazar will be held at 3 p.m. tomorrow, May 17, on Har Herzl in Jerusalem.

ARRIVALS

U.S. Congressman Joshua Ellberg (Dem.-Pennsylvania), for a short visit, Dr. G.M. Riegner, secretary-general of the World Jewish Congress, and Armand Kaprielian, director of the WJC's international-affairs department, for consultations.

DEPARTURES

Manufacturers Association president Abraham Shavit, for Vienna and Brussels, at the head of a group of manufacturers who will meet with potential investors from Common Market countries.

Producer Douglas Fairbanks Jr., after completing filming of a series of backdrops for a TV series to be called "The Living Bible."

Nebraska governor here

BEN-GURION AIRPORT.—Nebraska Governor James Exon on Friday predicted a Democratic presidential victory in the U.S. after November, and "continuation of U.S. support for a strong Israel." He was speaking at the start of a 12-day visit, during which he will meet with senior officials.

Himself a Democrat, Exon did not say which member of his party would be the candidate in November.

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JERUSALEM RELIGIOUS COUNCIL

Raphael says 'no' to naming Reform Jew

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Hopes for the appointment of a Reform Jew to the Jerusalem Religious Council were dashed on Friday after the director-general of the Ministry of Religious Affairs disclosed there had been a "misunderstanding" in the selection of the potential member.

As a result, the Reform candidate, Moses Cyrus Weller of Jerusalem, has said he is no longer interested in becoming a member of the council.

The dispute over non-Orthodox representation in the council began about half a year ago. Uri Huppert, lone independent Liberal town councillor in the Capital, at that time obtained two orders from the High Court against Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Raphael. Claiming the ILP speaks for Reform and Conservative Jews, Huppert convinced the justices to issue an order requiring Raphael to show cause why he should not appoint a non-Orthodox Jew to the Religious Council. The court also issued an interim injunction barring the minister from making any further appointments to the body.

Huppert then wrote to Raphael suggesting that author Shalom Ben-Chorin, a leader of the Progressive (Reform) Jewish community, be named to the Religious Council since, in the ILP's view, non-Orthodox Jerusalemites had a right to be represented in that public body.

Minister Raphael rejected the proposal, claiming that the ILP "does not maintain a positive attitude towards Judaism."

On March 17, the High Court — in a stinging majority opinion written by Justice Meir Shamgar — chided the Religious Affairs Minister, reminding him that "no political party has a monopoly on religion in this country." While not directing Raphael to include a non-Orthodox member in the Religious Council, the court said that if he wishes to use the political party make-up in the Town Council as the key to representation on the Religious Council — as he has been doing for years — then he must grant some representation in the latter to the ILP. But final discretion as to the fitness of the appointee would remain with the minister.

Councillor Huppert thereupon submitted the names of four possible candidates to represent the ILP on the Religious Council. The names, which included that of Rabbi Weller, were provided him by the Progressive Jewish Movement in Israel. "I thought the whole matter was settled," Huppert told *The Jerusalem Post* last night. "I even received a letter from David Glass, director-general of the Ministry, informing me that Weller was acceptable, and that the appointment could be expected."

"Then, in a letter I received yesterday, Mr. Glass notified me that because of a 'misunderstanding' the appointment could not proceed since the ministry had learned that Dr. Weller was a Reform Jew."

Huppert scoffed at this, charging, "It is absurd that the Minister of Religious Affairs was not aware that Dr. Weller, a prominent leader of the Jerusalem's Reform community for many years, was not an Orthodox Jew. Surely, if Dr. Raphael maintains a list of *mumzerim*, he must also maintain a list of Reform and Conservative rabbis."

For his part, Weller has already withdrawn his candidacy, saying he did not want to become involved in a political tug-of-war between the ILP and Raphael.

Huppert told *The Post* he would submit a new list of candidates to the minister, "because I feel very strongly that Reform and Conservative Jews must be represented on the Religious Council just as the Orthodox are already represented through the other political parties."

'Ha'aretz' strike blanks out advertisements

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "Ha'aretz" on Friday came out with large patches of blank newspaper due to a labour dispute with its printing press workers.

According to the printers, the dispute is over management's decision to suspend a worker who had told his boss, "You're not even worth a spit." The workers struck in protest against the suspension, and management obtained a back-to-work order from the district labour court here.

On Thursday night the printers failed to set many advertisements, Shlomo Kamai, a shop committee leader, said they "had no time" because several workers were absent and others saw no reason to fill in for them.

Some Steel City transfers approved

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACRE. — The Steel City shop committee and the Labour Council agreed on Friday that close to 20 metalworkers hitherto employed in the rolling mill should be transferred to the foundry from today. But they insist that another twenty or so should stay at the mill until experts had examined a management order to transfer them to the foundry.

Labour Council secretary Yitzhak Haziza said that the Kassar Committee would visit the plant on Tuesday to take stock of the situation there. The Koor management has warned that the plant may have to be closed unless productivity is stepped up.

Meeting today on specific allowances

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Treasury officials who receive specific allowances will meet today with Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and give him a final answer on returning to regular work.

The employees of the customs and excise and income tax departments have been on partial strike since last Tuesday in protest over the "Eilat-Gaza" agreement to cut their allowances in accordance with the Barkai Committee recommendations. In a meeting on Friday between the minister and the employees, "much understanding was reached," according to one participant, who added that "there is no reason to be pessimistic."

PENTAGON

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States will have to get together with the Soviet Union and the other major arms suppliers to the region — specifically France and Britain — to reduce the arms shipments to the area.

Sources here said that the proposal is actually not intended to be implemented in the near future, but at a much later date.

But some American military experts sympathetic to Israel's cause are concerned that Israel may wind up on the losing end of the talks, especially if some formula is drafted by which Israel's arms would be conditioned to individual Arab nations.

Pentagon officials have presumably been encouraged to begin consideration of such a proposal by public statements made during the last several months by Israel leaders.

Foreign Minister Allon told the UN General Assembly last October that Israel is prepared, even before peace is achieved, to end the "senseless competition" of the arms race and to reach agreement on a nuclear-free zone in the region.

Prime Minister Rabin, in his address to Congress last January, reiterated this Israeli position.

Several leading senators have also called for an end to the Middle East arms race.

What is not yet known is whether the Arab states will agree to hold such arms limitation talks with Israel — and presumably the outside powers — in advance of a final settlement.

But the fact that the Pentagon is already considering such discussions indicates that there is hope that some progress can eventually be made.



Haifa Mayor Yeruhim Zeisel starts the timer for the National Chess Tournament at the Nof Hotel in Haifa on Thursday night, with contenders Malkiel Peretz (left) and Zadok Domnitz seated at the board. After the third round of the tournament last night, Meir Rom of Haifa was in the lead with two points and one unfinished game. Peretz, also of Haifa, followed with two points. The two international masters, Moshe Czerniak and Shimon Kagan, and Victor Manevitz were tied for third with one and one half points each. Sixteen male chess players aged 17 to 66 are taking part in the tournament, which lasts until May 29. (Israel Sun)

Allon worried about U.S. anti-settlements attitude

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon said over the weekend that U.S. opposition to Israeli settlement in the territories has become one of the points most in dispute between the two countries.

Allon, in an interview with "Yediot Aharonot," added that he was worried by Washington's failure to recognize both the security importance and the simple justice of such settlement.

Allon said he had personally told responsible U.S. officials more than once about settlements that had gone up. He had also told them that Israel was determined to set up more, in keeping with its political and strategic thinking. He had to admit that the issue was in dispute with the U.S., and the dispute had lately become sharper through the U.S. making its criticism more public.

Asked the reason for this, Allon said: "It's very simple. The U.S. wants us to stop establishing settlements; they also seem to fear that the Arabs suspect them of having already agreed to put up with Israeli settlement beyond the Green Line, and that this could hurt U.S. credibility as a possible mediator between the two sides in the future."

Stressing that he was very concerned at this U.S. approach, the Foreign Minister said, "This is not a dispute about a line, but over opposition to the very idea of our setting up settlements."

Minister without Portfolio Yisrael Galili, in an interview in "Ma'ariv," said the U.S. had never been pleased with the *faits accomplis* Israel had been establishing in the territories — and in Jerusalem. But this had never been decisive for Israel: "Had we given in on this issue to please the U.S., we would not have set up a single settlement," he said.

Galili said he would like to see stepped-up settlement activity now, but couldn't ignore the shortage of funds for such activity. He stressed the importance of holding the Jordan Rift and its foothills, and said he was convinced that any solution that would guarantee Israel defensible borders would involve adding to its number of Arab citizens.

As to the Gush Etzion settlement group now at Kaddum in Samaria, he said their attempts to settle at Sebastia were not responsible for the U.S. position. But as the attempts had been of a provocative nature, they had made it easier for the U.S. to make public its negative attitude towards Israeli settlement.

He said he did not want to make even the hint of a threat concerning the Government decision not to allow the Kaddum group to stay where it is. The Government wished, its decision (which involves reaching agreement on an alternative site) to be carried out without a confrontation. But it would not accept any ultimatums from the Kaddum people, he said. (Kaddum, page 3)

KISSINGER & DINITZ

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But in the actual notes of the session, taken by David Afek, an Israeli official at the UN, it was clear that Herzog did not remain silent while Malik hurled that slur.

WHILE ONLY 456 volunteers responded to Haifa's Magen David Adom's call to donate blood — instead of the 1,000 donors hoped for — those who did respond included 20 who have rare types of blood.

A 150-MEMBER study mission of the Zionist Organization of America has arrived to take part in the 20th anniversary celebrations of the Kfar Sava agricultural and technical high school.

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One still held in Toto killing

TEL AVIV. — Three of the four suspects arrested in connection with the shooting at the Sportoto shop in Rehov Mesilat Yesharim in the Shapira Quarter here Thursday night have already been released. The fourth also denies any connection with the case, and the police admit they have no evidence against him.

The man killed in the shooting has been identified as Shimon Glikarov, 28, of Kiryat Shalom, Oved Ovadia, 27, and Shalom Ben-Haim, 23, both residents of nearby quarters, were wounded. The police believe the shooting was a case of underworld revenge.

Two men, masked and armed with an Uzi sub-machinegun and a pistol, reportedly did the shooting. They entered the shop at 10 p.m. and announced a hold-up — ordering the eight persons present to lie on the floor. They then shot at those whom they sought, apparently, and fled in a blue van. (Itim)

Rakah call for silence goes unheeded

Jerusalem Post Staff

NAZARETH. — There was almost no observance yesterday of the minutes of silence called for Rakah in memory of the six villagers who died on March 30 in the "Land Day" riots in North.

In Nazareth the only ones heeded the call were 50 young people who stood in front of the Rakah offices as traffic passed them. Only a few pedestrians paid any attention.

In the central Galilee village Arraba, one of the scenes of rioting, about 7,000 gathered a rally, while about 2,500 attended memorial service at Kfar Kna. Shops and workshops, however, remained open. There were no incidents.

Stiff terms for arms traffickers

TEL AVIV. — Ten-year prison terms — the maximum possible — were imposed Thursday on two Triangle villagers who bought sub-machineguns and ammunition from two IDF soldiers and then resold them to their neighbours.

The convicted men are Saleh Kazawi, 25, of Kalansawa and Zuhair Suleiman, 26, of Bir e-Sikd. The two soldiers who allegedly provided the arms — Doron Dahab and Meir Ziv — are currently being tried by a military court.

The two men handled three dozen Uzis — which they bought for IL750 each and sold for IL1,200. The three-judge District Court panel noted that Kazawi and Suleiman had admitted the charges, cooperated with the authorities and helped locating the arms. But they added that this could not lessen the gravity of the offence. (Itim)

Gafny to meet U.S. investors

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Arnon Gafny, Director-General of the Finance Ministry, left for U.S. over the weekend for talks with potential investors in the Avigdor Bartel, chairman of Investment Authority, will join meetings.

Among the industrialists G will see is Elmer Winter, son of Manpower, Inc., an international temporary-help service firm. He is a member of the Committee for Economic Development in Israel, a recently established independent body of businessmen from countries who will cooperate with both governments.

Knesset c'ttee, lawyers take up police brutality

Attorney Yitzhak Tunik, head of the Bar Association, said Friday there have been cases in which the police extracted confessions from suspects by pressure and violence, and others in which they prevented meetings between suspects and their lawyers.

He said this at a session of the Knesset Interior Committee, which took up complaints of police violence against prisoners. MK Yoram Aridor, the committee's chairman, said policemen who exercise brutality against detainees should be dismissed from the force, so that the reputation of their colleagues would not suffer.

Legislation was needed, he added, to "enable the police ability to carry out its duties with protection of individual rights. At present, directives from national police headquarters on permitting meetings between suspects and their lawyers are not in line with Supreme Court rulings on the subject.

Other members of the committee, as well as representatives of the Bar Association and of the police, suggested that an arrangement be worked out jointly to set criteria for allowing suspects to consult their lawyers as soon as possible after detention — without hampering the investigation. The Interior Committee will meet again on this, with the Police Minister.

Two die in road mishap

NAZARETH. — Two men died in separate traffic accidents near the weekend.

Yahya Ibrahim, 28, of Sam was killed when a bus hit the car. He was driving Friday afternoon near Kibbutz Reshafim.

Wadie Mufda Shehada, 60, a fatally injured when the pickup he was driving collided with a truck yesterday at the Mitzpata.

Dies in tractor

BEERSHEBA. — Atiya el-Haj, a resident of Tel Sheva, died Friday after falling off the tractor he was driving.

He was taken, unconscious, to police station in Ofakim and brought from there to the Sor Medical Centre here, where he pronounced dead on arrival. (Itim)

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He doesn't always tell the truth' Saudia dissatisfied with Kissinger

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Saudi Arabia has become disenchanted with Secretary of State Kissinger, syndicated columnist Jack Anderson reported in the "Washington Post" yesterday.

"As evidence of their displeasure," he said, "they are beginning to take their multibillion dollar business elsewhere. Lucrative contracts intended for the U.S. have gone instead to France."

Anderson's associate, Joe Spear, writing from Riyadh, said: "The Saudis feel that Kissinger doesn't always tell the truth, that he speaks out of both sides of his mouth."

Spear quoted Saudi Prince Saud as complaining that Kissinger had not informed Saudi Arabia about the U.S. pledge to Israel in the Sinai accord's "memorandum of agreement" to consider the supply of Pershing ground to ground missiles.

The Saudis have become increasingly annoyed at the U.S. attitude toward the Arab boycott. "The boycott has absolutely nothing to do with religion or race," Saud said. "Just as the U.S. directed a boycott against Cuba, Saudi Arabia feels it has the same right to boycott firms that aid Israel. It is an internal affair and is not the business of the U.S.," Saud said. A top Saudi official said: "We keep getting reassurances from

Washington that they understand our viewpoint, and that U.S. policy is slowly becoming more even-handed. But when it comes to practical actions, it is always the same old thing. We are getting tired of it."

The Saudis complained about the U.S. veto at the Security Council which barred a condemnation of Israel's settlement policies.

"Over the next five years... the Saudis plan to spend a staggering \$142b. to transform their desert into a modern industrial state," said Anderson. Most of the money, according to the present plans, will be spent with U.S. firms. This could be important to the economic resurgence of the U.S.

"But because of the fading confidence in Kissinger and the cooling attitude toward the U.S., some contracts already are being diverted to Japan and France."

"For example, a \$1b. contract to construct a massive colour television network in Saudi Arabia, instead will go to a French firm. Another \$850m. contract to build the city of Riyadh and set up a sanitation system has also been diverted from the U.S. to France."

"The royal family," according to Spear, "is reluctant to change allegiance. But the young Saudis, technocrats, who are actually managing the nation's development, are more inclined to apply the economic screws to the U.S."



Former Premier Golda Meir greets Eduardo Frei, former President of Chile, in her Tel Aviv office Friday. (Simlonsky, Israel Sun)

Israel beats the best in World Bridge Olympiad

By TANNAR HIRSCH
Special to The Jerusalem Post

MONTRE CARLO. — With two good nights' rest behind them as a result of curtailed schedules at the 5th World Bridge Olympiad, Israel's team moved back into winning form against some of the toughest opposition they are likely to encounter. Israel now stands in 11th place after slumping to 16th last week.

Israel's run started off with a 17-3 win over New Zealand, who had fallen off after a good start. Then came Poland, at that point lying second. Against them Captain Reuben Kohn played his four Polish-born players — Ronik, Lev, Shaul and Frydman. The formula worked, and Israel notched an upset 14-6 win.

In the 18th round the Israelis had to face the rampaging French team, which had moved up into third place by winning 97 of a possible 100 victory points in their previous five matches. The Israelis played well throughout and handed France a 15-5 thrashing.

The next opponents were Taiwan, who were fielding a team weaker than their best and, though not serious challengers this year, nevertheless are a difficult team to beat. Against Israel they were in form and stalled the Israeli advance with a 12-8 setback.

The key match of the 21st round was Israel against the U.S. It was shown on the closed-circuit TV screen in the main auditorium to a large crowd, with Omar Sharif as chief commentator. The Israelis again played their Polish line-up and took the early lead. But an Israeli player miscounted his hand and so a game was missed. On the next hand Israel failed to make a double game contract that could have brought victory, and the Americans were back in the match. Slow play by the Americans was a factor, putting the Israelis under pressure. However, they recovered from these setbacks to win the match 15-5, for a most satisfactory showing against the best in the world.

This brought Israel's point total after 21 rounds to 250, good for 11th place. Leading scores: Britain 342, Sweden 321, Poland 303, Italy 300, Brazil 293, Switzerland 287, Germany 280, France 280, U.S. 269 and Belgium 263.

In the women's series, Israel suffered successive losses, first by 18-2 to the powerful French squad, then by 11-9 to the relatively weak Mexican team. After nine rounds, the Israeli women are 19th with 56 VP. Leading scores: Italy 160, Britain 138, U.S. 132, Canada 125 and France 121.

Mendes-France raps 'mean-minded' French policy 'Israel must take initiative'

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — Former French Prime Minister Pierre Mendes-France said in an interview published here today that his recent visit to Israel convinced him the Jewish State must take the initiative alone, without preliminary negotiations, to achieve a Middle East peace.

Mendes-France told the left-wing political weekly "Nouvel Observateur": "Israel must create a new situation. This means a meaningful gesture which would smash open the lock which at present blocks everything. This means telling the Palestinians that no obstacles are intended to prevent them from exercising their freedom and their rights."

The veteran French statesman who ended his country's colonial domination of Indochina and Tunisia, said he did not believe the Arabs would reject an Israeli offer. He added: "At least Israel would

win approval for opening the door to a solution instead of sticking to positions which have too long proved negative and vain. In any case, the echo from the Palestinians would be very important. For more than a generation there has been no example of a people who have fought for their freedom and have not obtained it, whether in Vietnam, Algeria, Madagascar or Angola. It will be the same in Palestine."

Vigorously criticizing French Government policy towards Israel, Mendes-France said: "I see no improvement. On the contrary, the Government takes sides in a manner which is both aggressive and mean-minded."

"The French President refuses to invite to lunch the Israeli President, who is invited by the Queen of England, the Queen of the Netherlands and the President of the German Federal Republic. Is it necessary to be discourteous? What is

New rules don't spur hotels to charge tourists in dollars

By GEORGE LEONOF
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Tourist-class hotels are assured of some form of incentive payment by the Government for tourist bed-nights, whether the tourist settles his account in foreign currency or in Israeli pounds — however acquired. But according to regulations which came into force yesterday, the "incentive" payment on hotels' tourist revenue in Israeli pounds is almost triple that which is due to them for turning in foreign currency received.

A situation has thus been created which does nothing to encourage hotels to seek payment in foreign currency.

The new regulations which went into effect last night require tourists who do not pay for hotel accommodation in foreign currency, or in Israeli pounds acquired through official exchange, to pay the 28 per cent surcharge imposed on Israeli hotel guests.

The surcharge originally comprised a welfare tax and other local imposts.

Hotels turning in foreign currency receipts to the Government receive an incentive payment of

81 agora per \$1 — or about 11 per cent of the dollar's value in local currency. Hotels receiving payment from tourists in "officially" acquired pounds, and collecting the entire additional 28 per cent, The Jerusalem Post learns.

Tourism Ministry sources explained on Friday that this outsize compensation was a temporary measure and would be cut down once the off-deferred Value Added Tax, of at least 8 per cent, comes into effect — possibly on June 1.

Once VAT is introduced, it will have to be paid by the hotels out of the surcharge, they pointed out.

Some form of compensation for the hotels' local currency income from tourists was only fair, the sources said, because prior to the new regulations hotels received incentive payments on the basis of tourist bed-nights sold, without regard to the form of payment.

Meanwhile, hotel sources told The Post that they are still not completely clear whether they were entitled to keep part of the surcharge collected from Israelis.

Academics see little chance of Arab-Jewish settlement

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The experience during 30 years prior to 1948, when more than 20 attempts were made in vain to bring about a settlement between Jews and Arabs in the Middle East, indicates there is little chance of reaching such a settlement now.

This was the position of Prof. Yosef Nedava of Haifa University, at a conference of historians and Middle East experts here last week to evaluate proposals and ideas for resolution of the Arab-Jewish conflict in pre-State days. The conference was organized by the Department of Eretz Israel Studies and the Reuben Hecht Chair of Zionism.

The experts' consensus was that the Jews in Mandatory Palestine never lost an opportunity to negotiate, and were always willing to compromise on any form of Jewish statehood, while Arab nationalists always categorically rejected any form of self-determination for Jews in any part of the Land of Israel. Rector Gavriel Warburg produced evidence of hostility even before the British Mandate days, and said

settlement was made more unlikely because the two nationalist movements grew at the same time. David Hacohen, the only non-academic participant, said the other minority groups did not want to cooperate with the Jews because they resented "the being the only ones to stand up to the Moslem majority."

Lecturers at the conference included Dr. Ya'acov Goldstein (Haifa U.), Dr. Pinhas Ofer (Haifa U.), Dr. Gavriel Cohen (Tel Aviv U.), Prof. Yosef Nevo (Haifa U.), and Dr. Shmuel Dotan (Tel Aviv U.).

Haifa Port's new terminal said approved

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Haifa Port is at long last to get a proper passenger terminal, according to the Tourism Ministry. But the people concerned haven't yet been notified.

The Treasury reportedly decided to allocate ILM to complete work that was begun more than 10 years ago, and it informed Tourism Minister Moshe Kol of this decision on Thursday night.

However, last night sources at Haifa Port said they were not aware that the allocation had been granted.

Sea-borne tourism is showing a consistent growth, with Haifa on the itinerary of many lines operating Mediterranean cruise ships. Nearly 10 per cent of all tourists last year, 60,500 visitors, reached Israel by sea.

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'Discriminating toilets could save water'

BERSHEBA. — Millions of cubic metres of water are flushed down toilets every year unnecessarily.

This is implied by the Research and Development Authority of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, which has just developed a more parsimonious toilet flushing device. The authority says installation of the new device throughout Israel would save the country 30 million cubic metres of water every year.

The device, which can be installed in existing toilet tanks, allows a smaller quantity of water to be released, for flushing away liquid waste, or a larger amount, for flushing solids. It is small, reliable, and can be installed in a few minutes without making any changes in the existing system. The purchaser, say its inventors, can make up his investment within a few months by the money saved on water bills.

The device will be on display, starting today, at the Israel Water Exhibition, and later at an international exhibition in England. (Itim)

U.S. primaries

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are calling for a new approach to the balking, should Ford turn back Republican challenger Ronald Reagan.

Ford might have proceeded with a strategy that called for courting the southern part of the U.S. in part by offering a southerner such as Tennessee Senator Howard Baker or Texas Senator John Tower as a running mate. But the emergence of Carter has changed that thinking. The Capitol Hill sources said the President's campaign aides are convinced that "you can't out-Carter Carter in the South."

Ford is being urged to turn his attention to the populous industrial north-east from which Schweiker hails. Schweiker is a proven vote-getter. He was elected to the Senate by substantial margins in 1968 and 1974. The senator also has labour's support, something Carter has difficulty mustering.

Ford is now fighting one of the most decisive battles of his political career in Michigan in a bid to blunt Ronald Reagan's challenge. After losing five of the last six primaries to the former California governor, Ford must win in Michigan, his home state, if his credibility as a presidential candidate is not to be seriously questioned.

The people of Michigan vote on Tuesday, and there are almost equally crucial tests a week later in Tennessee and Kentucky. (A.F. Reuter)

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'Rumania's 90,000 Jews better off under Communism' than ever before'

BUCHAREST. — Rumania's 90,000 Jews are better off under the Communist regime than ever before in their 400 years in Rumania. Chief Rabbi Moshe Rosen reported in an address to the Rumanian Jewish Congress last month.

His address to the April 26-28 congress in Bucharest was made public in the bi-monthly magazine, "Revista Cultural Mosaic" (Mosaic Religion), published by the Jewish community here.

The only thing the 83-year-old Chief Rabbi said he regretted was that the number of Rumanian Jews was steadily declining.

The rabbi is a member of the governing board of the World Jewish Council, the memorial foundation and the organization of the Jewish community in Europe.

Rabbi Rosen said the population decline was a result of the "Romanian policy" of the government, which

allowed Rumanian Jews to emigrate. There were 850,000 Jews in Rumania before the Second World War. The loss of Bessarabia to the Soviet Union and the deportation and extermination by the Nazis reduced this number to almost half when the war ended.

Emigration averaging about 300 a month in recent years — more than 350,000 Jews emigrated to Israel — left the Jewish community still the largest in East Europe.

Rabbi Rosen told the congress that there was no contradiction in being a loyal citizen of Rumania and a member of the Jewish community.

This regime, he said, "recognized for the first time our citizens' rights and full religious freedom."

He said that abroad he was often asked how he could praise the Com-

munist regime in such terms and said that he told them: "What I am saying and doing springs from my honest conviction and conscience. We suffered so much from past regimes, but now Jews are living in safety and have equal rights."

There were difficulties, however, resulting from a shortage of rabbis and kosher butchers and the advanced age of most believers. He said there are 135 synagogues in the country.

"Our duty is to preserve the existence of this community and of our religious, cultural and assisting institutions. We are fewer today, but the demands and the problems of our community have increased," he said.

Rabbi Rosen said that a number of young people were attending courses in Hebrew, Jewish history and literature in 22 schools. (A.F.)

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'Cubans planning new adventures' Pretoria 'could' send troops to Rhodesia

PRETORIA — South Africa could change its policy of no military interference in Rhodesia's affairs if developments warranted it, a government spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman, Information Secretary Eschel Rhoodie, was commenting on a report in the "New York Times" which quoted him as saying that under no circumstances would South African troops be used to support the Rhodesian Government.

In a statement yesterday, Rhoodie said he had told the "Times" correspondent "that in present circumstances, government policy was that South Africa would not get involved militarily. The 'New York Times' was told that, depending on the course of certain developments in the future, the government may act differently."

Yesterday's statement did not make clear what the "certain developments" were that might cause South Africa to act differently from its present non-interference policy. One interpretation, observers said, was that this could mean South Africa might intervene militarily if Cuban troops were used to help the black guerrillas in their growing war against Prime Minister Ian Smith's Government in Rhodesia.

South African forces fought Cuban troops during the Angolan civil war.

In Salisbury, Rhodesian Defence Minister Pieter van der Byl warned that Cuban troops still were arriving in Africa and were planning new "adventures" beyond Angola, possibly in Rhodesia.

At a passing-out parade for 220 army recruits, Van der Byl said the Cubans "are already moving into Somalia," spurred on by their

success at installing a Marxist regime in Angola last year.

Rhodesian Army Commander Gen. Peter Walls said yesterday that the current offensive against black guerrillas may turn into a long campaign, reversing his earlier prediction of a quick end to the insurgency.

The beleaguered white regime dipped into one of its last manpower reserves on Friday, cancelling all previous service exemptions. With other emergency measures, the government now can field about 55,000 men from the 275,000 white community.

An estimated 1,000 insurgents have so far infiltrated from neighboring Mozambique with some 10,000 estimated across the border. Last week's casualty figures showed the highest death rate in nearly three years of bush war. Two military communiqués covering an eight-day period said 52 persons were killed. Guerrillas lost 20 of their men against five Rhodesian security forces.

The rest were civilian casualties, blown up in landmine incidents or shot for straying out during the all-night curfew.

A Washington report says Secretary of State Kissinger has started his first round of contacts with white minority regimes in Southern Africa by conferring with South African Ambassador R.F. Botha.

Observers say that the meeting between Botha and Kissinger, who visited neither South Africa nor Rhodesia on his recent African trip, is significant, despite reluctance by either side to do more than acknowledge that it took place on Friday.

It is understood the U.S. wants South Africa to put pressure on Rhodesia to resolve the crisis there. (Reuters, UPI)

Bombs kill four in N. Ireland

BELFAST. — A booby-trap bomb killed three policemen in a village, and a bomb planted in the doorway of a Belfast pub killed another man and injured 20 persons yesterday in a new surge of violence in Northern Ireland.

A spokesman called the police killings at the peaceful village of Belcoo, a few hundred yards from the Irish Republic border, the worst terrorist attack on police in more than six years of strife in the province.

In the Belfast attack, a man planted a bomb in a duffel bag inside the doorway of a Roman Catholic-owned pub crowded with customers watching a soccer game on television.

India, Pakistan to resume ties

NEW DELHI. — India and Pakistan agreed on Friday to restore full diplomatic relations for the first time since the 1971 Bangladesh war. The agreement, reached during high-level talks in Pakistan's capital of Islamabad, also provides for restoration of overflights and air and rail links.

The agreement came one month after announcement of an accord by India and China to exchange ambassadors for the first time since 1961.

Pakistan has also in the last six months opened diplomatic relations with breakaway Bangladesh, formerly its Bengali-speaking eastern wing.

Informal sources predicted Pakistan and India would exchange ambassadors in about two months. (AP, Reuters)

'Egypt committed to Palestinians'

CAIRO. — President Anwar Sadat said yesterday Egypt was committed to the recovery of all Israeli-occupied Arab territories and to support the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

In a message to the People's Assembly, Sadat said that realizing the two goals was "our great responsibility for which we will work with all our strength and determination."

Yesterday's assembly session was part of nationwide celebrations marking the fifth anniversary of President Sadat's "corrective revolution" when he unmasked a plot to topple him by former Vice-President Ali Sabri and other ex-associates.

Sadat, in his message read to the Assembly by Premier Mamdouh Salem, said every effort was being made to rebuild Egypt's economy, drained by four wars against Israel. (Reuters)

Concorde will fly Giscard to U.S.

WASHINGTON. — The controversial Concorde supersonic passenger jet will make its first trip in two years to the U.S. tomorrow when French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing begins a six-day visit.

The flight will come only two days before a Federal appeals court begins hearing arguments aimed at banning the fast but noisy aircraft from landing in scheduled service at two U.S. airports. The Concorde is to begin regularly scheduled flights into Washington's Dulles International Airport one week later.

Iran 'hard up'

NEW YORK. — The Iranian government is seeking \$1.3b. in international loans, drawing \$200m. from a Bank of France account, and seeking supplier credits for imports because it is "so strapped for cash," it is reported in "Business Week."

Iran is also refusing deferred payment deals with poor nations, the magazine said. The problem is Tehran's desire to maintain its industrial and military expansion through the demand for its oil is "nearly \$3 billion per year below expectations." (AP)



A three-year-old elephant was among the wellcomers when President Ford visited Memphis, in Tennessee, over the weekend. (AP radiophoto)

Islamic meeting urges: oust Israel from UN

ISTANBUL. — Foreign Ministers from Moslem nations yesterday called for Israel's expulsion from the UN and equated Zionism with racism.

Winding up the four-day Islamic Conference here, the delegates also lined up behind Turkey and advocated equality for the Turkish Cypriot community with the Greek Cypriots in a federated Cypriot state.

The foreign ministers passed the resolutions in closed sessions. Other resolutions included: "Condemnation of the prolonged occupation of Arab lands by the Israelis, and a reaction to the introduction of nuclear weapons into the Indian Ocean area, the Middle East, Africa and Asia, threatening the security of Islamic nations." The conference spokesman said.

The resolutions reaffirmed that the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) was the "only legitimate representative of the Palestine People," and urged conference members which have not yet done so to open up offices for the PLO in their capitals as soon as possible.

The resolutions condemned all countries that had given Israel military, economic or manpower support and urged member states of the conference to sever all forms and kinds of relations with the "racist Zionist entity." The reminder was apparently aimed at Turkey and Iran, which have ties with Israel.

The conference also reaffirmed the adherence of Moslems to holy Jerusalem "and the firm determination of their governments to work for its liberation and for its restoration to Arab sovereignty."

The conference approved the setting up of a special fund to help the Arab population of Jerusalem and to counter Israeli influence in the city. A resolution envisaged voluntary contributions of \$60m. being raised for the fund over the next two years. It will be administered by a five-member board with representatives from Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Guinea, Jordan and the PLO.

The first meeting of the board is planned to take place in Jeddah within two months. (UPI)

Masked, painted mourners at Meinhof funeral

WEST BERLIN. — West German anarchist leader Ulrike Meinhof was buried in a Protestant church cemetery in West Berlin yesterday where thousands of sympathizers had gathered to pay a last tribute.

The non-religious ceremony began about half an hour behind schedule because people were still streaming into the Trinity Churchyard for the funeral of the 41-year-old former journalist found hanged in her Stuttgart prison cell last Sunday.

West Berlin police reported no trouble at the ceremony although they said about 4,000 people, some with their faces masked or painted, were crammed into the cemetery. At the graveside, about 20 young men forming a ring around the ill-covered coffin shouted at cameras men to go away and jostled some who were standing close.

Meinhof had been on trial in Stuttgart as alleged leader of the Baader-Meinhof anarchist group to which she gave her name. Defence lawyers for the group were among those who made speeches at the ceremony. West Berlin customs officials at

the Dreilinden autobahn checkpoint said the hearse apparently passed unchecked by East German border guards. On the West Berlin side it was received by a convoy of cars, among them unmarked police cars.

Some 3,000 extra police were put on duty yesterday as fears grew here that the expected truce during the funeral could turn to violence.

Meinhof's death last Sunday was followed by a spate of bombing incidents in Spain, France, Italy and several West German cities. Dozens of people were arrested or injured in bloody clashes between demonstrators and police.

Meinhof, who was divorced from her husband Klaus Rainer Rohde, publisher of the left-wing magazine "Konkret" for which she worked, never left the Protestant church.

According to officials, she paid the mandatory church tax until she plunged into West Berlin's outlawed scene shortly after her divorce. First as lecturer at West Berlin's free university and then as a gun-carrying anarchist. (Reuters)

Rockefeller warns of Russian imperialism

FRANKFURT. — U.S. Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller called yesterday for the West to increase its naval power against the Soviet Union's "new and far more complex form of imperialism."

In a hard-hitting speech marking the U.S. Bicentennial, Rockefeller accused the Soviets of trying to establish an empire "on which the sun never sets."

He told Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and other West German leaders in the historic Paulskirche here that Western military might must be maintained to avoid the danger of being swallowed by Soviet imperialism, which he called a mixture of Czarism, Marxism and colonialism.

As he attacked Soviet imperialism inside the church site of Germany's abortive liberal Constitutional Convention in 1848, youthful demonstrators outside chanted "Germany for the Germans. Down with American imperialism." There was a heavy police guard, as the bicentennial ceremony coincided with the West Berlin funeral of German terrorist leader Ulrike Meinhof.

Declaring that the era of "Old World Imperialism has gone," Rockefeller said the new Soviet war

was far more complex. It involved ideological, economic, financial, tactical, subversive and military forces, and as a result much of the world was closed to the free movement of people.

Repeating a theme he mentioned in West Berlin on Friday, Rockefeller said the West must main its strength to avoid being over- or engulfed.

Chancellor Schmidt, in his speech called for retaining U.S. troops in Germany, increased cooperation between America and Europe, continued European participation in the Atlantic Alliance with the

Meanwhile, a brigade of troops was reported scheduled to move into North Germany in action to a Warsaw Pact military build up. The move, described by a U.S. military spokesman in a guard as "very important," will be American troops for the first since World War II into an area just south of Bremerhaven. Pen approval by Nato and West many, it will be finished by 1977. (UPI)

Reagan denies anti-Semitism

WASHINGTON. — Republican presidential candidate Ronald Reagan denies that his attacks against Secretary of State Henry Kissinger have anti-Semitic overtones.

A few U.S. commentators have recently made this accusation, charging that the former California Governor, now making a strong challenge against President Gerald Ford, was possibly playing on anti-Jewish sentiments among some segments of the American public by castigating Kissinger's foreign policies.

Syndicated columnist Joseph Kraft seems to have been the first to suggest that Kissinger was a Jew and last week requested CBS correspondent Dan Rather said in a radio commentary that there may be a touch of anti-Semitism in Reagan's charges.

But Reagan says this is "stupid." In an interview with "Time" magazine, he said: "I saw a column recently that said my attacks on Henry Kissinger were because I was anti-Semitic. Such stupidity. James Schlesinger (the former Defense Secretary), whom I admire, is the son of Jewish immigrants. I would consider any administration would be fortunate to have a man like Schlesinger in it."

Schlesinger, who was dismissed by Ford last year, converted to Christianity while in college, and is today practicing as a rabbi. Reagan's position on Israel while not spelled out in great detail, is publicly one of support.

U.S. quake aid to by-pass Rome

AVIANO, Italy. — President Nixon's special coordinator for disaster relief said yesterday the U.S. had agreed to bypass Rome in the distribution of aid to northern Italy's earthquake victims, by-passing the scandal-ridden Christian Democratic government.

Daniel Parker also gave an "equivocal" pledge that the aid would not be withdrawn if next month's elections bring the Communists to a coalition government.

President Ford and other officials have said repeatedly would "reassess" U.S. relations with North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Nato) country if the Communists win a share of power.

But Parker told Italian reporters at a news conference winding a two-day visit to the disaster-stricken area.

"The American response to a disaster is a very human response. He said he expected President Ford to sign an omnibus appropriation bill including the emergency aid for Italy, by Tuesday.

More than 900 bodies have recovered so far from more than two dozen towns virtually hit by the May 6 earthquake in Northern Friuli area near the Italian and Yugoslav borders. Estimated 15,000 homes were destroyed or badly damaged.

Fight to control huge oil spill

LA CORUNA, Spain. — Thousands of tons of oil at the Atlantic coast of north Spain on Friday as the government sought to limit the damage to oyster and mussel beds and beaches, already turned green.

Oil continued to wash ashore, wrecked tanker Urquola, 3,000 tons, more than 60 miles off the line, coating rocks and causing mayor of La Coruna to ask government to declare the area a national catastrophe.

The oil-covered body of Frase Eduardo Rodriguez, captain of Spanish tanker which went aground at the entrance of La Coruna's two days ago, washed ashore near breakwater at midday.

Fires aboard the tanker threatened international salvage attempts; venge experts said on Friday they had been unable to make thorough inspection of the 48-hour tanker and it could take 48 hours before they could be it. (AP, Reuters)

Jordan denies Saudi aid threat

AMMAN. — The Jordanian government yesterday denied a report that Saudi Arabia threatened to cut off aid to Jordan if King Hussein accepted Soviet weapons.

"Jordan considers that any foreign weapons in the hands of Jordanians become Arab weapons," a spokesman said in his denial.

Jordan has been considering purchasing a Soviet anti-aircraft missile system, and it is expected details will be discussed next week when the Soviet Air Force commander visits Amman.

The U.S. has been Jordan's main weapons supplier, but Jordan said it was considering buying a Soviet air defence system after the price of the U.S. Hawk missile system turned out to be higher than anticipated. Saudi Arabia reportedly balked at buying the expensive system for Jordan. (AP)

'IZVESTIA' ATTACKS 'ISRAELI LIARS'
MOSCOW. — The government newspaper "Izvestia" yesterday attacked Israel and Israeli policy, in an article headed "Liars on the brink of a precipice." "Izvestia" quoted figures purport-

ed to show that living standards, wages and production declined in Israel last year. It said that letters from "dissatisfied Soviet emigrants have shown that Israel is not the promised land." (UPI)

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Change in Traffic Routing at the Kikar Tzarfat Intersection

The present traffic light system at Kikar Tzarfat, Jerusalem, will be replaced by a new system on Wednesday, May 19, 1976. At the same time, new traffic routing arrangements will be introduced. From this date, vehicles may not make a left turn out of King George Avenue into Rehov Agron. The existing traffic light will cease functioning as of today.

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Wins by J'lem Betar, Haifa Hapoel narrow B'sheba league lead

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Jerusalem Betar, with a 3:0 win over Ramat Gan Hakoah, and Haifa Hapoel, edging Hadera Hapoel by 2:1, yesterday crept up to within three points of National League leaders Beersheba Hapoel, held to a scoreless draw at home by Petah Tikva Hapoel.

With eight points still at stake to the end of the season, and Beersheba Hapoel not showing their early season form, the Negev capital has not yet sewn up the championship.

Far more open is the struggle at the other end of the table, where nine clubs are in danger of relegation to the "A" leagues. Kfar Saba Hapoel with a 1:0 win over Tel Aviv Hapoel yesterday moved into 14th place in the National League, but Tel Aviv Betar were trimmed 0:1 by Jaffa Maccabi after four consecutive victories, and tumbled down to 9th place in the standings.

Netanya Maccabi at long last produced something like their home form in their away match yesterday, beating Petah Tikva Maccabi 3:0 in Petah Tikva. But Jerusalem Hapoel were only a shadow of their customary selves. In their 0:2 defeat by bottom-of-the-league Ramat Amikud Maccabi, Tel Aviv Maccabi's 2:0 win over Hapoel Yehuda put the Hakoah Quarter team in dire straits, and they are now odds on for relegation.

Acra Hapoel, not so long ago runaway leaders of League "A", North, were yesterday beaten 3:2 by Ramat Gan Hapoel and now find themselves level on points with Netanya Betar and only one point ahead of Ramat Gan Hapoel.

The League "A" South race is also extremely open with Yehud Hapoel and Holon Hapoel level on points, with Rishon Le Zion and Shinarayim Maccabi breathing down their necks and ready to take over top spot at either of the leaders' falter in the crucial last weeks of the season.

Jerusalem Betar scored their third decisive home win at the YMCA stadium in the capital, all three goals against Hakoah coming in the second half. Six thousand again saw a star performance by 18-year-old Uri Maimilian, playing midfield, who opened the scoring in the 56th minute. He was also involved in the other two goals.

Maimilian scored from a free kick from 25 metres out.

Shortly after, he beat three men before laying on a perfect pass for Shimon Djerbi to score in the 60th minute. Yosi Avrahami netted the third five minutes from the end, also from a Maimilian pass. Betar fully deserved the win, and were the only attacking team on the field.

Nine thousand in Beersheba saw with sides miss fine scoring chances. Beersheba Hapoel had the edge and felt wronged when referee Yehuda Ben-Yitzhak disallowed two goals — a header from Avitan cleared from the Petah Tikva goal-mouth by Rosendoren, and an Avitan shot which found the net only to be ruled outside.

Referee Yehoshua Loya added four minutes to the game between Hishonon and Haifa Maccabi in Yehuda. With the last kick of an

6 in hospital, 2 arrested in football riot

Jerusalem Post Reporter

DIMONA. — Six persons were taken to hospital and two arrested here yesterday after fighting erupted between players and fans at a Beersheba Betar-Kiryat Gat Maccabi football match. The match was being played in Dimona precisely to avoid such incidents.

One of the suspects held is Kiryat Gat goalie Maimon Levi. Police say Levi set off the row by punching one of the Beersheba managers. The Beersheba man may have a broken nose. Beersheba went on to win the match 6:0.



Striker Yosi Avrahami, left, lob in Jerusalem Betar's third goal over sprawling Ramat Gan Hakoah custodian Shimon Mano, seconds before he is carried off the field, squirming in pain as (right) first aid attendants inspect injury to his ankle.

MATCH OF THE WEEK Jaffa Macs trim T.A. Betar to gain in relegation race

By DUDLEY KESSEL

Two questions faced the 3,000 spectators who went to see Jaffa Maccabi play Tel Aviv Betar in Rishon LeZion yesterday: Would the return to their temporary home in Rishon change Jaffa's luck and help them move up from their desperate 15th place in the league? Would Tel Aviv Betar, who dropped only one point in their last five matches and are now apparently clear of the relegation zone, treat the match seriously?

A lone goal midway through the second half by Albert Levi sufficed to give Jaffa a deserved victory and renewed hope for survival. Tel Aviv did not show the kind of form expected from a team which soared from 15th to 5th place in the table in recent weeks, but Betar gave of their best — or at least what can pass for "best" by a side safely in mid-table towards the end of the season.

Betar's defence gave little away and young Ami Lieberman in goal gave another top-notch performance. He looks a good bet for the national team in the not too distant future. In midfield, Betar for the most part had no one to match Jaffa's Arueti, who was a doubtful starter all week because of illness. Obviously not in peak form, the little Jaffa schemer still initiated many attacks and, but for weak finishing, might have added a goal of his own.

JAFFA ON TOP

Except for the opening ten minutes of the second half, Jaffa maintained the upper hand. The first half was mostly devoid of excitement as both sides lacked penetration. In the 25th minute, Lieberman produced a fine save from a strong shot taken 20 metres out by Rafi Zucker. Zucker in mid-field and Bloom up front were both disappointed to the Jaffa fans, and it came as no surprise when Bloom was replaced in the second half.

The home defence was beautifully marshalled by the tall Nimio, returning after enforced suspension, while Kapilio in goal did not have a single direct shot to deal with in the opening half.

The second period was more exciting and contained the little goal football that the match produced. Betar opened in more convincing fashion. Twice within three minutes, mistakes in defence nearly spelt disaster for Jaffa. First Nimio, in his only slip in 90 minutes, mis-kicked and Kapilio did well to save the resulting fierce shot from veteran Eliezer Zweig. Then Kapilio allowed an overhead kick from Avraham Lev to bounce around dangerously within the five-metre area, but the Betar forwards failed to exploit the opportunity.

In the 54th minute Betar produced the best move of the match. Initiated by Lev from his right back position, it ended with Moshe Romano's fierce half-volley just clearing the cross bar by inches. This was the usually dangerous Betar striker's only shot at goal in the entire match — a continuation of his recent disappointing form.

It did not take long for Jaffa to regain ascendancy, but many final passes went astray and Lieberman was still proving very difficult to beat. In the 61st minute he dealt beautifully with another dangerous shot from 18 metres, this time from Arueti. Four minutes later, when another Jaffa attack seemed certain to break down on the edge of the penalty area, Gershowitz mis-kicked badly in attempting to clear. A surprised Albert Levi, in an attacking role in mid-field, found



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Gliding tourney bars Rhodesia

SALISBURY. — Rhodesia will protest the exclusion of its gliding team from the 1976 world championships in Finland next month. The ban was imposed by the Finnish Aviation Association, which based its decision on a UN resolution urging the cutting of all links with Rhodesia.

Better Ball victors

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

CAESAREA. — Mike Ossip of Herzliya Pituah and Monty Carmon of Ramat Hasharon yesterday won the Better Ball Medal golf competition here with a net score of 63. Rahamim Sofer and Motti Cohen of Or Akiva won the Better Ball Stableford competition, with 43 points.

Ali 'sells out to whites,' U.S. Black group claims

NEW YORK. — A national Black youth leader yesterday accused Muhammad Ali of selling out to white interests, and urged Black Americans to boycott the forthcoming world heavyweight championship fight between Ali and Ken Norton.

The Reverend Al Sharpton, who is chairman of the 50,000-member National Youth Party, said that Ali had betrayed Blacks by choosing a group of white businessmen to promote the September 27 fight at Yankee Stadium here.

Ali's recent fights have been arranged and staged by Black promoter Don King.

Rev. Sharpton said he is warning cinemas by telegram not to show the closed circuit fight and his members would picket those that do. He said demonstrations would be staged at the offices of Madison Square Garden, Inc., and Top Rank Inc., the consortium chosen by Ali.

The National Youth Party is a group committed to developing Black youth across the country, and numbers among its board members two Black representatives in Congress, Democrats Shirley Chisholm of New York and Ron Dellum of California.

Rev. Sharpton said Ali, in the name of Black brotherhood, had worked with promoter King for the past seven years.

"Now he has decided to fight for a white promoter for less money. I think that Ali has now come to epitomize what we used to call an 'Uncle Tom'."

Ali's next appearance is in Munich on May 25, when he fights British and European heavyweight champion Richard Dunn for the world title. His Norton bout is contingent upon Ali winning that fight. (AP)

English slip hands Scots British title

GLASGOW. — A terrible second half blunder by goalkeeper Ray Clemence handed Scotland the Scottish International Championship when they beat England, 2-1, at Hampden Park here yesterday.

Clemence, who plays for English League champions Liverpool, allowed a weak shot by Kenny Dalglish to slip between his legs four minutes after half-time.

The win gave Scotland their third straight victory in this championship, all at Hampden Park. England finished second with two wins and one defeat, while Wales were third and Northern Ireland fourth.

Mick Channon gave England a surprise lead in the 11th minute. Centre-half Roy McFarland of Derby robbed Dalglish and raced upfield. He exchanged passes with Peter Taylor and centred for the Southampton striker to head powerfully home.

But seven minutes later Scotland — backed by a huge following of fervent supporters — equalized when Don Masson of Queen's Park Rangers headed home a corner from Leeds United winger Eddie Gray.

With two goals in the first 18 minutes the scene was set for a classic encounter, but neither side produced much in the way of constructive football. (AP)

Brazil soccer star dies in car crash

BELO HORIZONTE, Brazil. — Roberto "Bakata" Monteiro, the right wing on Belo Horizonte's soccer team, died on Thursday when his car collided with a truck.

The 26-year-old Brazilian had just returned from Peru, where on Wednesday night he scored the first of his team's four goals in a shutout victory over Alianza de Lima. The win moved Belo Horizonte into the final round of the Libertadores de la America Cup. (AP)

U.K. wins squash

BIRMINGHAM. — Britain won the world amateur squash team championship here when they defeated the holders of the title, Australia, by 2-1. (Reuters)

STANDINGS NATIONAL LEAGUE (after 30 games)

	W	D	L	G	Pts
1. Beersheba Hap.	12	5	3	26:37	31
2. Jerusalem Betar	10	6	4	26:29	26
3. Haifa Hapoel	12	11	7	26:19	25
4. Kfar Saba Hap.	10	12	8	23:24	22
5. Jerusalem Hapoel	12	8	10	27:31	22
6. Tel Aviv Maccabi	12	9	10	34:30	22
7. Netanya Maccabi	12	7	11	43:27	21
8. Shimonon	12	6	12	27:32	21
9. Tel Aviv Betar	10	11	9	24:36	21
10. Tel Aviv Hapoel	10	10	10	31:33	20
11. Petah Tikva Hap.	8	13	9	24:28	19
12. Haifa Maccabi	8	13	9	22:28	19
13. Jaffa Maccabi	8	13	9	25:29	19
14. Hakoah	8	12	8	23:21	18
15. Petah Tikva Mac.	9	10	11	31:34	18
16. Hadera Hapoel	6	13	11	20:22	15
17. Be'er Yehuda	8	12	12	25:28	14
18. Ramat Amikud	6	15	17	17:20	9

LEAGUE "A" SOUTH LEADERS (after 28 games)

	W	D	L	G	Pts
1. Yehud Hapoel	14	4	4	41:19	32
2. Holon Hapoel	14	4	4	41:21	32
3. Shinarayim Hap.	14	9	6	28:32	37
4. Rishon LeZion Hap.	12	10	6	33:17	36
5. Ashdod Hapoel	12	11	6	38:22	35
6. Bat Shimonon Hap.	11	10	7	36:18	33

LEAGUE "A" NORTH LEADERS (after 28 games)

	W	D	L	G	Pts
1. Acra Hapoel	15	8	5	45:16	41
2. Netanya Betar	15	9	4	40:16	41
3. Ramat Gan Hapoel	15	10	3	43:14	40
4. Hadera Maccabi	15	10	5	35:25	36
5. Herzliya Mac. (25)	9	15	5	35:25	33
6. Netanya Hapoel	11	9	8	47:36	29

RESULTS NATIONAL LEAGUE

Petah Tikva Maccabi 0, Netanya Maccabi 3; Haifa Hapoel 2, Hadera Hapoel 1; Kfar Saba Hapoel 1, Tel Aviv Hapoel 0; Jaffa Maccabi 1, Tel Aviv Betar 0; Ramat Amikud Maccabi 2, Jerusalem Hapoel 0; Jerusalem Betar 3, Hakoah 0; Tel Aviv Maccabi 2, Be'er Yehuda 0; Shimonon 1, Haifa Maccabi 0; Beersheba Hapoel 0, P. Tikva Hapoel 0.

LEAGUE "A" SOUTH

Ashdod Hapoel 1, Jaffa Betar 0; Marmorek Hapoel 1, Holon Hapoel 1; Lod Hapoel 1, Ness Ziona 1; Yehud Hapoel 7, Ramle Betar 2; Bat Yam Hapoel 0, Dimona Hapoel 1; Rishon LeZion Hapoel 1, Hishonon Maccabi 0; Shinarayim Maccabi 1, Ashdod Betar 0; Ramle Hapoel 1, Beer Yehud Hapoel 1.

LEAGUE "A" NORTH

Ramat Gan Hapoel 3, Acra Hapoel 2; Tiberias Hapoel 1, Hadera Maccabi 1; Herzliya Maccabi 0, Safad Hapoel 0; Netanya Betar 3, Nazareth Hapoel 0; Tirat Hacarmel Hapoel 2, Tel Hanan Hapoel 2; Kiryat Ata Hapoel 2, Mahane Yehuda Hapoel 1; Nahariya Hapoel 2, Kiryat Shimonon Hapoel 0; Nahliel Hapoel 1, Herzliya Hapoel 1.

Weitz sets three weight records

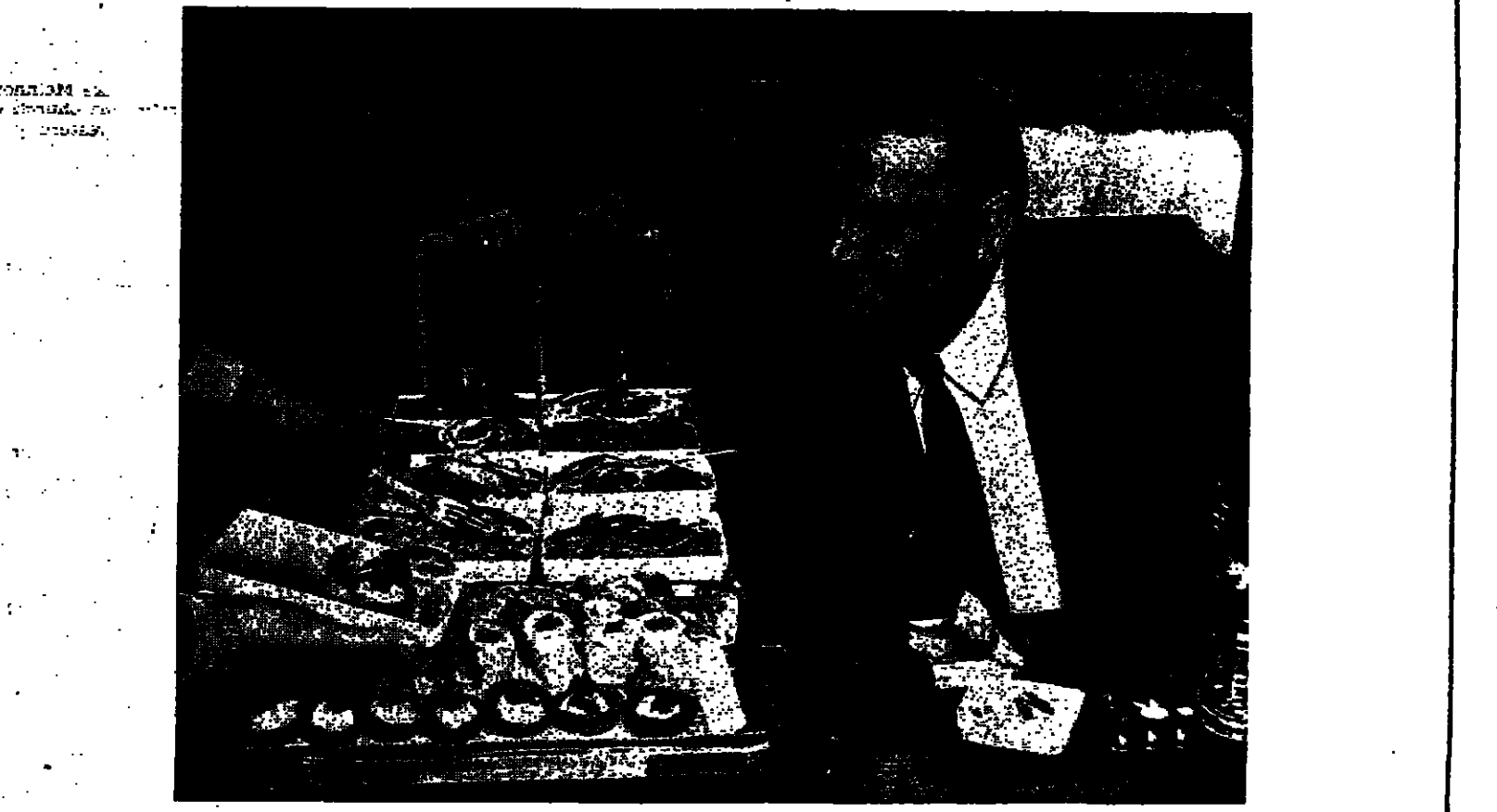
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TEL AVIV. — Edward Weitz, 30, recent immigrant from Russia, on Friday set up three national weightlifting records in the national championships in Givatayim.

Weitz lifted 112.5 kg., pressed 152.5 kg. and lifted 265 kg. in the double jerk.

Weitz has already assured his place on the Israel team to the Olympics in Montreal in July.

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REAL ESTATE

Household gas: A mystery business

Some 900,000 families in Israel use household gas for cooking, and a number use gas to heat water in their homes as well. They use together 100,000 tons of gas a year, more than the chemical industry which consumes about 40,000 tons a year.

The gas is derived from petroleum during the refining process, accounts for about two per cent of the crude oil. During the winter, when not all the gas is used up by the different categories of consumers, the refineries use it for their own purposes.

Most of the gas is sold to the consumer through the small containers outside our houses, on the verandas and through complaints we, neighbours or ourselves have against the gas companies at one time or another. The State Comptroller too, has been dissatisfied with the way in which the gas companies — if service is the right word.

Sometimes the price of the gas, we the company what it calls "service charge." The Comptroller writes: "This charge is intended to cover the cost of maintenance of preventive care for domestic installations. Since 1962 an official statutory standard requires a company to examine at least every two years the entire installation for any possible leaks."

AGREEMENT

In May 9, 1973 an agreement was signed by the gas companies, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the Fuel Administration and Tel Aviv Chamber of Commerce the provision of this service. The agreement was effective until the end of 1973 and was extended by one year. It requires the companies and their agents to check, their initiative, the installation each consumer once every two years and to meet every call by a consumer for a check of his gas. An initiated check and one requested by the consumer can be refused.

On the basis of an average consumption of nine containers a year, the gas sets of 90 per cent all consumers checked once in a year, the companies were allowed a service charge of IL1.20, added to the index and adjusted by January. The agreement stipulated that a record be kept of the checks and a certificate be issued to the consumers. The gas companies were to report to the authorities once a year on the number of checks performed and their percentage of the number of consumers.

In the second half of 1973 prices were frozen: consumers continued to pay a service charge of 60 agoras until the end of the year. An allocation fund of the Government was used to compensate the gas companies. From January 1974 the summer pays the full IL1.20 service charge together with the gas price. The Comptroller goes on to say: "According to the Fuel Administration, the companies did not fulfil

Anarchy reigns in the field of gas supply to homeowners. Four suppliers enjoy a monopoly and the various Government agencies supposed to control them disagree among each other. The consumers are victims. YA'ACOV ARDON follows up on the State Comptroller's report.

All their obligations under the agreement. Scarcely any initiated checks were carried out, and only during some of the visits by company technicians, requested by the consumers, were the entire installations checked in accordance with regulations. The Fuel Administration did not collect from the companies the proportionate overpayment for the reduced number of checks they performed.

SERVICE CHARGE

"In January 1975, the service charge element of the gas price was increased to IL2.35. The Fuel Administration states it will not adjust the service charge in January 1976 until it receives from the gas companies the reports required from them under the agreement. In February 1975 the Fuel Administration proposed to the Commerce and Industry Ministry to exempt officially the companies and their agents of the duty to initiate checks once every two years in order to reduce the total amount payable to the companies for this service, by then IL20 million a year."

The Comptroller comments dryly: "consideration should be given to the extent that these checks can be relaxed and how they are in fact carried out, not only because of the financial implications but with regard to safety needs." (The Comptroller does not say whether he has investigated the causes of gas explosions at consumers' homes in recent years, and whether the failure of the gas companies to fulfil their agreement. Nor has he commented on the failure of the Government agency concerned (if any) to enforce a statutory safety standard. And finally, nothing is said about the gratuitous payment of (roughly) IL30 million for services not performed in less than two years).

The Comptroller goes into detail in outlining the astonishing relationship between the gas companies and the Government. Four enterprises supply gas to the consumers: Paz-Gas, Amirgas, Supergas and Petrolgas.

"There is no competition in the quality of gas, prices or service and there is virtually no shift of consumers from one company to another... because of this and the fact that a product in mass demand is concerned... it is necessary that gas supply should be properly and effectively controlled by the Government with regard to prices, conditions of delivery and quality of service."

"Supervision is split between the Fuel Administration (a Finance Ministry agency) and the Ministry

of Commerce and Industry. The Labour Ministry is concerned with safety, the Housing Ministry since 1973 by virtue of the law on the sale of apartments, and the Standards Institute with technical aspects. "This division often makes it difficult to enforce measures which are in the public interest."

The Comptroller cites examples of clashes between the Commerce and Industry Ministry and the Fuel Administration, with the consumers as the confused and helpless victims. Complaints were referred back and forth. "It happens also that a case is not dealt with at all on the plea that it concerns the other office."

The Ministry says that both it and the Fuel Administration refer complaints to the gas companies "and by direct contact with them arrange to satisfy the complainants." In January 1968 the Government set up the Shimon Committee to study the best way of safeguarding consumers' interests because of the many complaints. It laid its final report before the Government 19 months later.

One of the recommendations accepted related to the deposit required by the companies from new consumers. It was IL34 in 1956, IL93 in November 1973, IL195 in May 1974 and in November 1974 it climbed to IL245. The sum has not been changed because, the Ministry held, the gas companies had underwritten when they refused to withdraw consumers deposits not linked to the index. The Committee recommended linking of the deposits both ways, but the matter is still pending.

COMPLAINTS

Almost seven years after submission of the Shimon Report, the controversy on the gas companies' cost calculation is still unsettled.

Consumers continued to complain. The matter was raised in the Knesset in March 1970. Its Economic Committee did fast work: it tabled its findings in the House four months later. It recommended the establishment of a top rank inter-ministerial committee to establish order, coordination and efficiency in the gas supply business. The Minister of Commerce and Industry set up such a committee in October. In November it went to work.

In the first two years it held 37 sessions, in 1973 and 1974 five, in 1975 one session. Coordination was to have been one of the tasks of the committee, "but as it was not granted executive authority as the Knesset Committee, it was not able to project and as the Ministry and the Fuel Administration delegates disagreed on questions of competence

in various matters, the aim of streamlining the administration of gas supply matters was accomplished only to a limited extent."

The committee had suggested that if a gas company and a consumer were at odds, an arbitrator should settle the dispute and that the agreement should include a clause to that effect. The suggestion was not followed.

STREAMLINING

In July 1974 the Ministry's deputy director-general entered the picture. He came out for more streamlining and was backed by the Petroleum and Energy Commissioner. Yet on important issues of gas distribution and pricing disagreements persist to this day.

The Comptroller presents an almost surrealistic picture of what happens when the gas installations in residential blocks where residents are supplied from large central containers. Because of the economy of scale, these are much cheaper to install and to feed, per turnover, than the small 12 kg. containers for the individual consumer.

The percentage of bulk installations is rising fast. No official rate existed, and according to the Ministry the gap between cost (to the consumer) widened to 1.5. A profitable business indeed. Competition developed in this branch between the companies. They even agreed in many cases to install the facilities free of charge.

But only residents in public housing estates profited because their home purchase contracts stipulated

that they, the residents, need not pay for the central installation. Where this clause did not appear in the contract, the residents were made to pay for their installations and sometimes even for those made in adjoining houses in which they were supplied free. "It is possible that many new residents paid in fact twice for their gas installations," says the Comptroller.

But the anti-competition attitude prevailed. The companies applied to the Cartel Council for approval of a unified practice. The Council approved it April 1973 for one year. The gas companies agreed to collect the charge from the building contractor, not from the home buyers. This applied to new agreements only and left previous ones in doubt. The gas companies refused to supply gas to residents unless they were paid for the installation.

Most of the disputes were settled by compromise. But by then the Cartel Council refused to extend the permit for the gas cartel on central installations. In May 1974 the Ministry fixed maximum prices for them, but left it open to "the market forces" who is to pay for the installations. The bureaucrats continue to disagree, anarchy prevails, the consumers are the victims.

To the outside, the cost accounting for gas supply seems to be a controlled product, a mystery. Even the Comptroller does not penetrate it. He says: "The Fuel Administration and the leading company" (on the basis of whose accounts prices are fixed and made binding on all) have not yet agreed on their accounting for the three years of the agreement (1972-74). No new agreement has been signed. Costs are calculated according to the old agreement except for increments on the net profit. "The questions of unified supervision and enforcement, above all of safety standards and checking to which the Shimon and Knesset committees gave their careful attention, questions which concern every household, remain unanswered."

Maintenance claim from husband's estate dismissed

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court delivered S.C. 401/73.

The appellant claimed maintenance of her deceased husband's estate, the District Court dismissed her claim on the grounds that she had not established that the estate as she had "been entitled to the right of maintenance immediately before her husband's death" within the meaning of section 57(b) of the Succession Law.

The appeal against this decision, Mr. S. Navon appeared for appellant and Mr. R. Inger for respondent.

Judgment

Justice Cohn, who delivered the opinion of the Supreme Court, said that he had on a previous occasion (in C.A. 134/70, L. 28/727) that the words "de the right of maintenance" in

section 57(b) of the Succession Law should be interpreted as meaning that a civil or religious court had held that the wife was not entitled to maintenance during her husband's lifetime. At the time, he noted further, he had been in the minority, his colleagues having been of the opinion that the existence of circumstances in which a woman would have been denied her right of maintenance by her personal law during her husband's lifetime was sufficient to deprive her of the right to maintenance from his estate after his death. He, himself, he continued, was still nevertheless of the same opinion as that he had held before, and for that reason would examine the case under consideration in order to establish whether a competent court had in fact held that the respondent was not entitled to maintenance from her husband during the latter's lifetime.

Justice Cohn then went on to

examine the facts of the case noting that the rabbinical court had not allowed an application for maintenance on the part of the appellant, but had ordered her to permit her husband to return to their joint home which, however, she had refused to do. It was clear, therefore, he held, that the appellant's action for maintenance during her husband's lifetime had been decided in the negative, it being immaterial that the rabbinical court had not stated expressly that it was dismissing the action. In other words, the appellant's right to maintenance had been denied her during her husband's lifetime by a competent court and she was, therefore, not entitled to maintenance from his estate after his death.

Justice Many concurred with the

final conclusion reached by Justice Cohn.

Judge Beisky

Judge Beisky agreed that the appellant's right to maintenance from her husband during his lifetime had been denied her by decision of a competent court and that she was, therefore, not entitled to maintenance from her deceased husband's estate. Insofar as the interpretation of section 57(b) is concerned, he continued, he did not feel called upon to express any opinion on it, in favour of, or against, that proposed by Justice Cohn, since in accordance with Justice Cohn's narrower interpretation the appellant in the present case would not be entitled to maintenance.

The appeal was dismissed. Reasoned judgment given on April 12, 1976.

WALL STREET WEEK Interest-rate worries

NEW YORK — The stock market got off to a buoyant start last week, but quickly sank back under the weight of interest-rate worries.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks, up 11.26 points on Monday, showed a net decline of 3.62 at 992.90 by the week's end.

Standard and Poor's 500-stock index dropped .54 to 101.34, and the New York Stock Exchange composite index slipped 25 to 54.01.

Big Board volume increased to a daily average of 19.76 million shares from 18.24 million the week before. In its fluctuations the market made its seventh trip past the 1,000 level in the Dow since early March. And repeating the pattern of the "past six, it ran into heavy resistance above that landmark point, and slipped back into the 900s again.

Stocks got a running start on Monday with the help of bright forecasts from both private business leaders and some top officials in Washington. Each foresaw continuing expansion of the economy for the next year.

For a while hopes were stirring on Wall Street that the Dow could top the 39-month closing high of 1,011.02 it reached on April 21, and at least break clear of the 1,000 area.

But it soon became apparent that some investors still saw a plus-1,000 reading in the average as a cue to sell stock and nail down some profits from the market's strong rise during the winter.

That tendency toward caution was heightened as the week wore on by a steady flow of evidence that interest rates were headed higher.

Analysts suggested that the Federal Reserve might well be planning a further tightening of its credit policy in order to keep the economic recovery from accelerating to an excessively inflationary pace. That view gained more adherents late in the week when the latest statistics from the Federal Reserve showed the nation's money supply in a continuing bulge.

On Friday morning, the recent rise of open market money rates was emphasized when Citibank, the largest in New York and the second biggest in the country, raised its prime lending rate from 8 1/4 to 6 1/2 per cent.

Advances outnumbered declines 939 to 838 among the 2,076 NYSE-listed issues traded during the week.

New highs for the year numbered 203 against 60 new lows.

Being a notable gainer on the active list, rose by 2 to 33 1/2. The company confirmed that it had held preliminary talks with Iran over a possible exchange of planes for oil.

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Tension at the top

THE LATEST series of verbal clashes between Mr. Rabin and Mr. Peres have served to underscore again that the country and the Labour Party have not yet recovered from the crisis of leadership that was brought about by the Yom Kippur War.

The reports from last week's Cabinet meeting and Thursday's Labour Party Leadership Bureau meeting, and a thinly-veiled interview by Yoel Marcus in "Ha'aretz" with a Rabin "intimate" all reflect the severity of the tension at the top.

At stake is not simply a struggle for power, or differences over policy issues, but the ability of the government and the Labour Party to make clear and reasoned decisions about the central problems facing the nation. For there is a mounting feeling that the contests at the top stifle or distort the decision-making process. At the same time they lead to growing factionalism within the Labour Party and encourage the formation of other political groupings whose springboard is public frustration at the inability of the government and the present party system to provide a sense of leadership.

The simmering power struggle within the Labour Party reflects the Prime Minister's continuing inability to establish clear-cut dominance within his own party. It has also been aggravated in recent months by the reported feckless to the Defence Minister from within the party and without about the possibility of his leading or joining an alternative government.

Certainly the Labour Party will have to resolve its inner conflicts well before the elections. For it cannot forever count on the failures of the Opposition to save it from itself. Nor can it regard itself impregnable to challenge from new political forces that could crystallize outside the present alignment of parties.

The Labour Party, and its predecessor, Mapai, have known such periods of inner conflict and indecision before. Twenty years ago Mr. Ben-Gurion presented his party with an ultimatum to choose between himself and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett. In 1964, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, harassed by challenges from his predecessor, Ben-Gurion, confronted the party with a similar ultimatum to choose between the two, by actually resigning. In both cases, and in the case of the Lavon Affair of 1960-61, the party, with great inner travail and at the cost of splits — large and small — took the decisions to provide the essential support for a clear leadership group.

Such a clear decision is needed again. If the Labour Party proves incapable of overcoming its fears and internal divisions in coming to such a decision, it will by this failure admit to its unfitness, and not only its inability, to lead.

VIEWPOINT

THE FIGHT FOR EFFICIENCY

THE TIME of the year when the State Comptroller submits his annual report — which by law falls around Independence Day — is a time for sackcloth and ashes and for head-nodding over the parlous state of the State and its administration. As the years roll by and a new voluminous report is added to the growing shelf of weighty multi-tomed tomes, one somehow gets the feeling that the impact of the reports on public opinion and on those who have it in their power to right the wrongs it uncovers, is diminishing.

We have been so inundated over the past few years with sensational news of governmental malfeasance and sheer stupidity that the reaction to a new towering wave of bad news in this department tends to be, "So what else is new?" It is ironic that this sense of resignation has taken hold specifically under a Government that can point to at least one solid achievement: as opposed to its predecessors it has gone some way in refusing to cover up some of the more extreme cases of corruption unearthed in recent years.

The diminishing impact of the Comptroller's Report is particularly to be regretted because of the growing complexity of government operations and the mounting gravity of the economic, social and political situations that confront the Government and its executive agencies. These can all be expected to grow in severity in the immediate future, requiring a higher standard of performance and a readiness to learn from past failures and from pertinent criticism.

The State Comptroller's Office itself is a shining example of a bureaucracy that does its job and does it well. The frustrating aspect of it all is that a job done well seems to have no, or very little, impact on improving the effectiveness of governmental operations.

The breakdown in the implementation of the Comptroller's recommendations is symptomatic of a common administrative disease in Israel: an impressive input of time, energy, and expertise is invested, which in the final stage proves to have made no difference whatsoever. Another case in point is the Knesset's treatment of the State Budget.

The process breaks down somewhere between the submission of the Comptroller's Report and the stage at which corrective action can be taken, i.e., in the political arena.

The Director-General of the Finance Ministry, Arnon Gafni,

The bulky volume issued once a year by the State Comptroller makes a brief flurry in the press — and is then largely forgotten. YOSEF GOELL considers how the devoted work of the Comptroller's Office may be made more effective.

speaking at a press conference held immediately after that of Dr. Nebenzahl, bewailed the fact that management in the public sector has lost the power to punish or reward employees. The problem is deeper — or higher — than that: there has never been any political punishment for Ministers or Directors-General for inefficiency or for failure to inject some urgency into the question of administrative efficiency in their own ministries.

THE REGRETTABLE fact is that Israel is a highly centralized political system in which the central decision makers couldn't care less about efficiency. It would be well to remember that most of the initial setbacks in the Yom Kippur War, and most of the early casualties, were the result, not of a decline in the fighting prowess or morale of the Army's fighting units, but of cumulative administrative failures in the Army's service units.

In theory, the Knesset, whose appointees the State Comptroller is, should press for the correction of the faults he has uncovered and the implementation of his recommendations, and maintain constant vigilance to ensure that this is done. In the past, the Knesset has been worse than useless in this regard.

The overburdened Finance Committee usually submitted lukewarm recommendations on a sample of about 20 out of the many hundreds of the Comptroller's findings, and this towards the end of the Knesset's summer session, when most Members already had their bags packed for their summer junkies overseas. The establishment of a special Knesset Committee on the Comptroller's Report in the Eighth

Knesset does not seem to have had any salutary effect on the process. Of course, the politicians, with their ears to the ground in a small country like Israel, may be right that the country itself does not care all that much for efficiency. But politicians who have pretensions to being leaders and not just mirrors of a misguided public, should be aware of the critical dangers entailed in permitting the country to enter the perilous times ahead with a poorly functioning public administration.

In the changing atmosphere of Israeli politics, however, in which the rules of the game that determine personal political success or failure are no longer that certain, there should be at least a handful of Knesset Members, and perhaps even a Minister or two, willing to take up the cudgels for governmental effectiveness and efficiency. In the present political uncertainty, the political risk involved may even be well worth taking.

In order to encourage and support such initiatives some changes should be made in the process of submitting and dealing with the Comptroller's report. The wisdom of submitting a voluminous annual report is questionable. What is needed is not a nuclear bomb but some selective sharpshooters. It would seem to be much more desirable to submit separate reports on each of the Ministries and governmental agencies at the time of the Knesset debate on their respective budgets. Ministers, in presenting the annual reports on their ministries to the Knesset and to the press, should be required at that time to answer the criticism of the Comptroller in relation to the functioning of their ministries. In such a context, perhaps a courageous Member or two of the Knesset Finance Committee would even be prepared to make personal political capital out of opposing new budgetary allocations to a specific agency or operation until those responsible for its past failings were removed.

A second change to be considered is the enlistment of the element of shame in the war for efficiency. The policy of Dr. Nebenzahl and of Dr. Moses — the first Comptroller — has been to name no names. This policy seems to have been proven counterproductive. Certainly in the most flagrant of cases, names should be named, and let the man defend himself before the Knesset and the public.

Dry Bones



HEADERS' LETTERS

Redressing history

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — In "The Weizmann White House" (April 30), Mr. Weisgal indignantly accuses others of seeking "to distort history," but then goes on to do just that himself. He complains that "he refused to leave room for his (Dr. Weizmann's) signature on the Scroll embodying the Declaration of Independence." It began with Ben-Gurion. There is not the slightest truth in this assertion. If Mr. Weisgal will trouble to look at the Scroll of the Declaration, he will see that there is room on it for another 20 signatures to have been added. Dr. Weizmann's signature was not affixed for the simple reason that the sole signatories were to be the 37 members of the National Council, who were chosen by a declaration of the Zionist Action Committee on April 12, 1948. Dr. Weizmann was not a member of the Council and therefore did not sign the Declaration.

paramount right of Dr. Weizmann sign the Declaration had the been one of historical justice Ben-Gurion's subsequent unjust public praise of Dr. Weizmann disproves the absurd allegation "Ben-Gurion was trying to ex him."

As for Meyer Weisgal's charge that "the Government contributed one single cent, in agora, to preserve the memo Weizmann." I was present a cabinet meeting soon after Dr. Weizmann's death on November 16 when it was decided that the Government and the Jewish Agency jointly provide funds to preserve the memory of Dr. Weizmann year since then and to date, the Government and the Jewish Agency have been allocating substantial sums totalling millions of pounds to the Yehuda Weizmann, which memorial for Israel's revered President.

DOV JOI

Jerusalem.

Affront to the religious

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Apart from the serious ideological implications of Mr. Zadok's angry outburst against Gush Emunim and his vilification of a belief in the Divine Agency in Jewish History (April 28), his shocking attack was badly timed, as it was close to the Memorial Day for the Holocaust and thus evoked similar painful memories of times when Jews were scapegoats prior to the catastrophe. It was small comfort that the telecast of excerpts of Zadok's tirade was followed immediately by another telecast in which veterans of the "Old Settlers

Movement" (with no religious views visible in the group) testified themselves completely wholeheartedly with Gush Em Small wonder! Gush Emunim as much a political movement as the Labour Movement, both religious as well as secular, irreconcilable in their opposition to the Jewish Agency. However, by singling out religious elements, it simultaneously absolving the members of Rakah, Ma'ar, Moked of being a danger to society, this Minister has reversed true face!

By venting his anger on youngsters whom Ephraim described not long ago as the flower of Israel's youth and on the future, he has forfeited right to represent justice for among us who consider the Jewish Mandate for our Land, irrevocable of whether or not we held Gush Emunim or Labour.

DR. H. E. BLUMENFELD

Jerusalem.

WHICH BEETLE?

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — It is bad enough somebody way back, who apparently thought he knew the English language, decided to give the Hebrew name *Hippushot* to the beetle which was from word "beat" and certainly nothing to do with the bug, but for you to complete the circle change the spelling of Volkswagen car from Beetle to *Hippushot* is really going too far. (I to "Going for a ride in the G. April 28.)

Y. SUSAN

Jerusalem.

ZVI MALROVICH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Art criticism comments on ideas, approach and technique. The greater the artist, the more important are the ideas and approach. It is, therefore, most disturbing that Mr. Meir Ronnen in his assessment of the current exhibition of such an artist as the late Zvi Malrovich (April 30) should have ignored the artist's ideas and approach so obviously based on deep human experience, brilliantly and uniquely expressed. It is little consolation that the critic is satisfied with the artist's technique.

I.G. MICHAELSON

Jerusalem.

SACRED OBJECT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — If anyone found a golden chain with a small and sacred Buddha image accidentally left in a room of the Hotel Eyal in Jerusalem on Thursday morning, April 22, he can keep the chain but please return the Buddha image to the Director of the Mount Carmel International Training Centre, 12 David Pinsky Street, Haifa.

SAMER JANTARAPOOT

Haifa.

PEOPLE AND POLITICS

Young, religious and moderate

IN THIS AGE of whipped-up passions, Rabbi Moshe Salomon preaches moderation and has good response for his message among the young. At the age of forty, he has recently been elected to head the Young Generation group of the Lamit faction in the National Religious Party. The country's young folks Rabbi Salomon feels are on the whole a pretty sensible lot. They may become impetuous at times, especially if they feel frustrated. But normally, they think hard about the future and insist on knowing exactly where they are supposed to be heading.

Rabbi Salomon wears his auburn beard neatly trimmed and rounded. His dress jacket is a simple town wear, not the black caftan usually associated with orthodox rabbis. "Don't we learn that respect for people takes precedence over the Torah?" asks Rabbi Salomon, rhetorically.

He was born in a religious settle-



Rabbi Moshe Salomon.

ment near Petah Tikva to his rabbi father, a native of Kharkov in the Ukraine. Rabbi Salomon followed in his father's footsteps as head of Torah-Avoda network of educational vocational training with teaching the halacha.

FOR THE PAST eight years Rabbi Salomon has occupied a seat on the National Religious Party executive. But only last year did he begin to take the political game in earnest. He was aroused by the smear campaigns some faction leaders were using in promoting their aims. Looking around for kindred spirits, he found them among the younger people who believed

with him that the halacha was a guide for those who honour work.

"Some 50 meetings were held with these young men all over the country in the past year. Finally, a meeting was called at the Pal hotel recently, with a thousand participants. We decided to form a separate group he Lamit faction, and to press for representation in the national list of party candidates in the general elections."

The group's main opponents are, obviously, the Young Guard faction of the NRP, recently merged with Zerah Warhaftig's Central faction, who predict that they will come out with a majority of the votes at the party's forthcoming national convention. For Rabbi Salomon's taste, the Young Guard are too hot-headed, too interested in worldly matters, too fascinated by sheer political power. He would like his party to focus instead on the general decline in religious education.

The painful deterioration of public morals is also due, in Rabbi Salomon's view, to the decline of the Jewish tradition in public life. At the same time, Rabbi Salomon's young supporters strongly object to the Chief Rabbinate's meddling in purely political affairs — specifically, they oppose Rabbi Shlomo Goren's ruling two years ago on conditions for the NRP's joining the government coalition.

THE MEMBERS of Rabbi Salomon's group come mainly from development towns and intellectual circles. But Rabbi Salomon sees a potential following among the so-called "Anglo-Saxons." So far, immigrants raised in liberal Jewish traditions in their home countries have found little scope for their activities in the existing political groupings, and they tend to keep apart. It need not be so any longer, Rabbi Salomon feels.

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